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Jordan welcomes EC statement on Mideast as highly positive

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AMMAN — Jordan Wednesday welcomed a European Community (EC) statement as a highly positive development in the European stand towards the Middle East problem and expressed hope that the community would exert effective efforts towards achieving a just and comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, in a statement to the French news agency (AFP), pointed out that the EC call, issued at the conclusion of a two-day summit of the leaders of the 12 EC member states in Madrid Tuesday, contained an explicit endorsement of the land-in-exchange-for-peace formula as called for in U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. The EC statement "is an implicit expression of (European) support for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people," Sharif Zaid was quoted as saying by AFP.

The statement reflects greater understanding of the Palestinian question and the struggle of the Palestinian people under occupation," Sharif Zaid said. The statement, which also contained a call for Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) participation in peace efforts, denunciation of Israeli practices against the Palestinian people and a demand that the Zionist state adhere to the Fourth Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilians During Wartime, is in harmony with international public opinion and conviction that Israel resorts to oppression in a bid to deny the Palestinian people their legitimate rights and to hinder the peace process, the prime minister said.

The prime minister hoped that the EC countries' role "will be employed effectively to promote the chances of convening an international peace conference and reaching a comprehensive settlement in the region."

The Jordan News Agency, Pet-

ra, reported from Tunis that Spain's ambassador to Tunisia had handed over the EC statement to PLO's political department official Abdul Latif Abu Hijleh.

The EC statement also drew welcome from Egypt, Kuwait and a faction of the PLO as well as wide acclaim in the Gulf press. Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid told reporters in Cairo that the EC statement showed "the importance of the European role in contributing to the peace process," and that an international conference under U.N. auspices "remains the proper formula for a solution to the Palestinian problem."

Kuwait described the EC statement as "a new positive attitude" towards the PLO. Earlier EC statements have called for the PLO to be "associated" with the peace process, but Tuesday's statement said the EC leaders were "of the view that the PLO should participate in this process."

ACC chief arrives

AMMAN (Petra) — Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) Secretary General Hilmi Nammur arrived in Amman Wednesday to discuss with Jordanian officials on setting up the ACC headquarters in Amman in implementation of resolutions taken by the ACC heads of state at their Alexandria meeting earlier this month.

Nammur said in a statement upon his arrival that he would also meet with officials, economists, university professors and researchers to sound out their views on an appropriate approach for achieving economic integration among the four ACC member states — Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and North Yemen.

In reply to a question, he said that the resolutions taken at Alexandria now await constitutional measures through parliaments in the four countries before they could be put into force.

Nammur expressed confidence that the ACC would eventually achieve all its objectives and goals and contribute to bolstering Arab economic cooperation.

Nabulsi: Jordan seeks continued Arab aid and increased confidence in dinar

By Rakan Majali

AMMAN — Jordan is pursuing contacts with Arab countries to ensure continued financial assistance which came to an end with the expiry of a 10-year period as undertaken at the 1979 Baghdad Arab summit, Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Governor Mohammad Saeed Al Nabulsi said Wednesday.

Under the Baghdad summit resolution, Arab countries undertook to pay an annual aid of \$1.2 billion to Jordan for 10 years. But the Kingdom received only part of the amount.

"Arab financial assistance is only one source of foreign exchange for Jordan," Nabulsi said in an interview with the Jordan Times and Al Rai. "Foreign exchange also used to come in the form of remittances by Jordanian expatriates working in the Gulf states," he noted.

"But, the remittances have now declined due to several reasons and there is no way to raise the level of remittances except through boosting confidence in the Jordanian dinar and stabilising the monetary situation of the country," he said.

Nabulsi expressed hope that this can be done in the near future. "I am optimistic about this," he said.

Jordan, he said, is in need of foreign exchange for importing essential commodities, for paying for the education of students abroad and for other services like providing pilgrims with their currency needs. "But all the country's reserves are not sufficient to cover everything and therefore there is a shortage of foreign currency," Nabulsi noted.

"To overcome this problem Jordan has to replenish its reserves of foreign exchange through exports of phosphate, fertilisers, potash, industrial products, agricultural produce and services and ought to give more attention to its agriculture, tourism and industry since they form a good source of income," he said.

Nabulsi said that when he previously served as CBJ governor, he had proposed the idea of selling one quarter of the Kingdom's gold reserves of one million ounces. Approximately 150,000 ounces were exchanged for foreign currencies, he said. At

present, he said, Jordan has approximately 600,000 ounces, 140,000 of which could be traded in exchange for a loan. If the loan is guaranteed within the near future, the gold would be released, he added.

Asked what the CBJ intended to do to boost foreign currency reserves through commercial banks, Nabulsi said: "One cannot deny that these banks cannot, under the present conditions, provide reserves even though some of them do through buying them from abroad. Jordan has to look for other more effective ways of boosting its reserves."

Asked whether the International Monetary Fund (IMF) would extend \$275 million as credit to Jordan as a result of a recent agreement, Nabulsi said the fund had drawn up a several-year programme during which it will provide \$100 million over the period of one and a half years. The most important part of the programme has to do with the IMF's approval of the Kingdom's "corrective" measures, which would open the way to rescheduling of Jordan's foreign debts.

This matter, he said, will be the subject of discussion in July in Paris with the government and financing institutions and in London with commercial banks. The point of such discussions, he said, is to reduce the debt burden by rescheduling installments and interest for certain periods. This would certainly lessen the pressure on foreign currency demands, he said.



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The IMF, he said, is intent on providing \$150 million in the next six months. Japan is also expected to offer Jordan financial assistance, he said.

Jewish leader assails Israeli scheme

TEL AVIV (AP) — U.S. Jewish leader Seymour Reich Wednesday criticized as harmful to peace efforts in Israeli minister's plan to settle Soviet Jews in the occupied West Bank.

Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said the proposal by right-wing Housing Minister David Levy was ill-considered.

"Using the Soviet Jewry issue to terms of settlements is counterproductive at this point in time. It's a digression. The focus should be on two issues — the peace process and getting Soviet Jews out (of the Soviet Union)."

"The reference to settlements in the context of Soviet Jewry has merely exacerbated the issue and... can hurt the peace process," Reich told a conference of the Jewish Agency, a semi-governmental group which organizes Jewish immigration to Israel.

Levy, on a tour of West Bank settlements Tuesday, said he would pursue a plan by Jewish settlers to adopt immigrant families and build them houses with government subsidies.

The settlers, who have moved into the occupied territories to assert Israel's claim of "sovereignty," have increasingly been involved in violence with Palestinians.

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker recently restated American opposition to settlements in the occupied territories, saying they did not create an atmosphere conducive to peace.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has predicted some 50,000 Soviet immigrants will come to the Jewish state in the next two years, although arrivals currently average only a few hundred a month.

Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz told Reuters the agency would not contribute to Levy's scheme because its policy was to spend money only within Israel's pre-1967 borders.

Levy's spokeswoman Aliza Goren said the minister fully supported offers by settlers to help absorb immigrants.

"Once we see how many families are adopted we will help settlers build apartment units. They are expecting several thousand immigrants," she said.

"As much as (Levy) favours our relationship with the United States, he thinks this is in the Israeli interest," she said.

Arab panel launches fresh Lebanon efforts; fighting continues

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Three Arab heads of state entrusted with ending Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war have told the devastated country's feuding leaders to talk no fight.

They said they wanted Lebanon's parliament to meet at a neutral venue abroad to chart the path to reform and peace.

But first the kings of Morocco and Saudi Arabia and the Algerian president are calling for an end to the battles that have swept Beirut since mid-March and the blockade which prompted them.

The three heads of state, charged by an Arab summit last month to solve the Lebanese crisis, outlined their plan after meeting for the second time in a month at Algerian President Chadli Benjedid's summer residence outside this Western city late Tuesday.

"An invitation will be addressed to the Lebanese parliament to meet outside Lebanon in a place they choose to discuss and prepare a charter of national harmony," a final communiqué said.

"We express our deep regret for the continuation of violence... despite the appeal issued by all the Arabs," the three Arab leaders said in their statement from Oran.

"We stress that for the initiation of dialogue resulting in benefits for the Lebanese and Lebanon," the statement said.

non-violence in all its forms must stop," they said.

They said their foreign ministers would hold further contacts with world leaders.

Following these contacts and a consolidated ceasefire, Lebanon's unicameral parliament will be invited to convene in a foreign country of their choice to work out a new formula for redistributing power among the various Muslim and Christian sects, the committee announced.

"In this regard, the ceasefire, lifting of blockades and opening of crossing links must be achieved before the meeting of the parliamentarians outside Lebanon, which will set the stage for the meeting of the Lebanese parliament in Lebanon," the statement said.

Christian parliament members welcomed the call for stabilising the security situation and lifting the blockade, but voiced reservations about meeting at a foreign country.

Falangist parliamentarian George Saadeh, who also heads the Lebanese Front coalition of right-wing factions, said: "If crossing gateways were reopened, the Lebanese would be able to meet in Lebanon."

Lebanese Christian and Muslim leaders Wednesday welcomed the call for an end to "violence in all its forms," but clashed con-

tinued between Syrian-backed Lebanese militiamen and troops loyal to army commander Michel Aoun.

Police said one person was killed and three were wounded as rocket and artillery shells crashed on both sides of the green line that slices Beirut.

By police count, 374 people have been killed and 1,463 wounded since March 8, when violence broke out between Aoun's army units and allied Syrian and Lebanese forces.

A police spokesman said several howitzer rounds crashed along a coastal strip north of Beirut as gunners in west Beirut sought to keep up their blockade of the 800-square-kilometre Christian enclave.

The Arab committee meeting in Oran has called for lifting the siege.

Salim Al Hoss, who leads Lebanon's civilian government, told reporters:

"We announce our respect for the decisions taken by the Arab tripartite committee and announce our readiness to cooperate fully with all its efforts to pull Lebanon out of its crisis."

There was no reaction from Aoun.

House Speaker Hussein Hussein told Reuters: "Parliament is ready to fulfil its duties and it supports Arab efforts."

Fugitive Chinese student leader to pursue democracy

HONG KONG (Agencies) — Student leader Wuer Kaixi, in a videotape made after fleeing China, has made a dramatic vow to continue the struggle for democracy and predicted the Communist leadership will soon fall.

"This kind of government doesn't have the strength to continue living," Wuer said in the 18-minute videotape shown Wednesday to the Associated Press. "They are the people's enemies."

Wuer escaped from China with his girlfriend, Liu Yan, despite a nationwide manhunt in which his picture was posted in airports and train stations.

He was easily the most charismatic of the 21 student leaders accused by Communist authorities of inciting "counterrevolutionary rebellion."

Authorities ordered his arrest as part of the crackdown on dissent in China that began June 3-4, when soldiers attacked unarmed pro-democracy demonstrators in Peking, killing hundreds, perhaps thousands.

Wuer, at times choking back tears, made several emotional references to the people killed during that battle, in which much of the fighting raged along Changan Street that runs into Tiananmen Square.

"I don't know how many mar-

tyrs' souls remain on Changan Street, may they forever rest in peace."

"Those of us who remain alive, our lives no longer belong to ourselves," he said. "The lives of those classmates and the countrymen who sacrificed themselves for democracy, for freedom and for our beautiful motherland have dissolved into our own."

He urged those who participated in campaign for freedom to "focus our will and continue the great patriotic democratic movement until the end... if we don't get our act together, we won't be able to get moving and China will never advance."

Wuer, who looked pale in the videotape, wore a white T-shirt with the name of his school, Peking Normal University, on the front. He said the statement was made about two weeks after the Peking bloodbath. He did not say where he was videotaped.

The articulate and charismatic Wuer videotaped the interview for those in Hong Kong who helped him escape.

In a copy of the script made available to Reuters, he said: "The day of the massacre I saw many killed, with guns and clubs. I myself saw students shot through the head and stomach, their heads smashed in and their stomachs bleeding."

4 hurt in Ramle blast; Israelis stab 2 Arabs

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — A bomb or grenade blast wounded four people in the central Israeli town of Ramle Wednesday, and two Palestinians were stabbed in the city's central market, apparently in retaliation, police and Israeli radio said.

The blast went off at 11:15 a.m. (0815 GMT) on the main street of Ramle, which was crowded with shoppers for the weekly open-air market selling fruits and vegetables.

Police said the explosion in a garbage bin was caused by a bomb, but Israeli radio said a grenade exploded in the bin.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, a Palestinian accused of collaborating with the Israeli occupied authorities died of wounds suffered in a beating by last week, Arab reporters said.

At least eight Palestinians were reported shot and wounded in clashes between soldiers and rock-throwing protesters in the West Bank.

Israel's supreme court denied the appeal of a Palestinian against expulsion, opening the way for expelling the 48th resident of the occupied territories since the start of the 18-month-old uprising.

In Ramle, three Israelis and an Arab suffered light wounds from fragments of the metal garbage can where the explosion went off, doctors said.

After the explosion, Jewish residents stabbed two Arabs in the city's central fruit and vegetable market, apparently to avenge the bombing, police said.

The Palestinians were stabbed in the legs and taken to the hospital, where they were reported in good condition. Police said they have two Jewish suspects in the stabbings but have made no arrests.

Police detained dozens of Arabs for questioning in the bomb blast, and paramilitary police were rushed to the town.



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Arafat in Hanoi

BANGKOK (Agencies) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat held talks with Vietnamese Premier Do Nuoi Wednesday following a delayed arrival in Hanoi caused by what was said to be "air navigation problems," news reports said.

The official Vietnam News Agency (VNA), monitored in Bangkok, gave no details of the talks among the leaders and other top officials of the two sides.

Arafat arrived in Vietnam's capital Tuesday evening, an earlier Vietnamese agency report said. Arafat, president of the State of Palestine and head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), originally had been expected Monday night.

The Jerusalem Post reported Wednesday that after Arafat departed from North Korea, his plane was diverted to Peking for 18 hours due to "air navigation problems." It gave no details.

The Vietnamese agency said Arafat had visited Vietnam twice previously, in 1970 and 1981.

It quoted Vietnam's President Vo Chi Cong as saying the current visit marked "a new development in the relations of amity and solidarity between the Vietnamese and Palestinian peoples."

On Tuesday night, Cong and other senior Communist Party leaders gave a banquet at the presidential palace for Arafat and the other top PLO officials in his entourage, the agency said.

Arafat was expected to visit Cambodia after his Vietnam trip, official Cambodian media said.

Some news reports said he may give Cambodian authorities a message from Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leader of guerrilla groups fighting the Cambodian government and Vietnamese troops backing it.

Vietnamese army entered the country in late 1978 but intensified efforts to reach a peace settlement have followed its recent announcement that it will withdraw all troops by Sept. 30.

Arafat met Sihanouk Sunday in Pyongyang. North Korea's capital, official North Korean media reported. Sihanouk lives part of the time in Pyongyang and in Peking.

The media did not say what they discussed.



Yasser Arafat with North Korean leader Kim Il Sung in Pyongyang

Shamir: No poll before revolt ends

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, facing a challenge from hardliners in his rightist Likud Party, has ruled out elections for Palestinians until they end their 18-month-old revolt in the occupied territories.

Shamir's office said about 50 hardline members of Likud's central committee questioned him Tuesday about his plan for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to elect delegates to talks on interim self-rule.

They asked for an end to the intifada and he said of course, as long as there is an intifada, there will be no elections," a spokeswoman for Shamir said on Wednesday.

Hardline Likud critics of Shamir's plan have insisted the uprising be crushed before elections are contemplated.

The critics, expected to chal-

lenge the initiative at a meeting of the party's 2,600-member central committee July 5, regard the occupied territories as their "birthright" and vital to Israeli "security."

Palestinian leaders have given conditional support for Shamir's election plan but suspect him of trying to end the uprising without real concessions.

Shamir's spokeswoman said Likud members Tuesday did not ask him if the 140,000 Palestinian residents of Arab Jerusalem would be entitled to vote, but he assured them all of Jerusalem would remain under Israeli rule.

"You have nothing to worry about. Jerusalem is something that is not up for negotiation. I want the same things as you do, you are worrying for nothing," Shamir was quoted as saying.

Palestinians have demanded Arab Jerusalem residents vote in

any poll in the occupied territories.

Leading the Likud opposition are hawkish Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, Housing Minister David Levy and Minister-without-Portfolio Yitzhak Mordechai. They want the central committee to vote on their proposal to amend the initiative.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Moshe Arens expressed the hope that Israel's gesture in flying in 65 Armenian earthquake victims for medical care would speed the renewal of diplomatic ties with the Soviet Union.

"Everything that causes a change in public opinion and a feeling of friendship and maybe even gratitude for Israeli efforts to help the population of the Soviet Union, I think, will also influence the decisions of the (Soviet) government," Arens said in an Israel Radio interview.

Manila deplores Israeli practices

By B. Alemeddin
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Philippines Foreign Minister Raul Manglapus has said his country deplores Israel's oppressive measures against the Palestinian people in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, since violence cannot be a means to settle the Palestinian problem.

The Philippines supports the Palestinian people's rights as well as the right of the Israeli people to a homeland of their own.

Manglapus said in a statement to Al Ra'i and the Jordan Times in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He said to achieve that goal a peaceful settlement is required to end the Arab-Israeli conflict.

He said that Farouk Al Kadoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) foreign affairs, had expressed a desire to visit Manila and the Philippines government would welcome such a visit.

Asked whether Manila would apply pressure on the Israeli government to stop repression, Manglapus said that there was "no doubt" about that, and the Phi-

lippines stands at the United Nations supports this view.

Manglapus made the remarks during a recent visit to Saudi Arabia where he held talks on Saudi-Philippines relations, and was received in audience by Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz to whom he delivered a message from Philippines President Corason Aquino to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

The talks with senior Saudi officials covered the condition of Muslim communities in the Philippines, the prospect of granting Muslims autonomous rule in implementation of an agreement reached between former Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos and the leader of the Moro Liberation Front in Tripoli, Libya, in 1979.

The talks also covered the conditions of Filipino workers in Saudi Arabia, bilateral cooperation and international issues.

Manglapus voiced his government's deep appreciation to Saudi Arabia for the good treatment accorded to the Filipino workers in the Kingdom.

Manglapus said that the prob-

lem of the Philippines' Muslims was being solved after the country's parliament had approved "autonomy rule" for their communities which would have the right to apply Islamic law in their areas.

He said the Tripoli agreement would be implemented in the Philippines as soon as possible; and "once this takes place, no more complaints or grievances will remain."

The Philippines government, the minister said has already embarked on the implementation of development projects in remote areas inhabited by Muslims. These areas have been visited by Aquino, who emphasised that no racist policies are being exercised in the Philippines against any minority. Manglapus said that the country's Muslims and Christian population coexist in harmony and there was no discrimination of any kind against any side.

The foreign minister admitted there were isolated clashes between Muslim and Christian groups in remote areas but that the majority of Muslims and

Christians were living together in total harmony.

Referring to the communist insurgency in the Philippines, Manglapus said that the rebel movement had been able to launch "attacks in some parts of the country through assistance from China and certain Eastern European Countries."

"Although the communists continue to cause some unrest, they are certainly unable to bring down the present government or the present regime," the minister said.

Manglapus emphasised that the economic situation in the Philippines was sound and healthy despite the difficulties left behind by the Marcos regime "which plundered the country's wealth."

Asked whether Marcos who is critically ill in exile in Hawaii, would be allowed to be buried in the Philippines, the minister said, that there can be no prospect for this at all. The Aquino government, he added, will not change its position with regard to this question because it places national interests above all considerations.

Gulf battlefield now a building site

FAO, Iraq (R) — Bulldozers have taken the place of tanks in the devastated Iraqi peninsula town of Fao where some of the fiercest battles of the Gulf war were fought.

Construction workers' tents occupy spaces fought over by Iraq and Iranian troops in a series of running battles that forced Tehran's forces back across the Shatt Al Arab waterway in the last bloody months of the eight-year-long war.

Shell-pocked buildings and cratered roads scar this dusty outpost where Iraq has mobilised an army of workmen to make good the destruction in this war-shattered town at the northern tip of the Gulf.

Ali Mohsen, an Iraqi soldier posted to Fao before last August's ceasefire came into effect between Iraq and Iran, said when he first arrived in the town, the sound of exploding

shells echoed through the ruins. "Now the roaring thunder of construction equipment is disturbing the peace," he said.

"Fao fell into Iranian hands in February, 1986, after a night-time surprise attack across the disputed Shatt Al Arab, which divides the two countries' borders at the head of the Gulf."

Revolutionary Guards poured across submerged pontoons secretly constructed by military engineers.

Fighting continued for 42 days as Iraqi forces fell back from Fao, but held their lines near the Umm Qasr naval base to the north as Iran's supply-lines became over extended.

Iraq says 52,000 of its soldiers and 120,000 Iranians were killed in the battles around Fao which it recaptured after a spectacular, two-pronged thrust by heavy army and infantry early in April, 1988.

The successful Iraqi assault on Fao gave a major psychological boost to Baghdad's army, which after early successes in the war had a reputation as a defensive rather than offensive force.

Military observers described the 1988 battle for Fao as the turning point in the war.

Baghdad said the town's recapture was the key to later military operations which expelled Iranian troops from Iraqi territory and forced Iran to announce its acceptance of the U.N. brokered ceasefire in July last year.

The Iraqi media refer to Fao as "the town of sacrifices and the gate for victory."

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said this week that the rebuilding of Fao and Iraq's moribund, war-shattered southern port of Basra, on which \$3.2 billion had already been

spent, proved Baghdad wanted lasting peace with Iran.

Celebrations to mark the start of reconstruction in Fao Sunday were cancelled following the death in a Paris hospital of Michel Aflaq, the founder of Iraq's ruling Baath Party.

On the Iranian side of the war-torn Shatt, civilians are now returning to their devastated border city of Abadan to start a similar process of reconstruction.

Iraq says the 50,000 people who used to live in Fao will be allowed to return to rebuild their lives when work on roads and other public services are completed.

Forces both sides of the border still eye each other warily across the palm-fringed frontier, but instead of the whistle of shells and the flat bark of tankfire, the sounds of construction, not destruction fill the air.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Sudan says 24 killed

KHARTOUM (AP) — The army said Tuesday it killed 24 southern Sudan rebels in three battles last week, the first reported major clashes since a cease-fire took effect more than a month ago. Al Guwat Al Musalaha, the military's official newspaper, said the battles were widely scattered in three regions of the south, where the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) has waged civil war for six years. The government side reportedly lost two members of "friendly forces," which normally means government-armed militias or former rebel troops fighting for the government. Southern battlefields have been generally silent since May 1, when the rebels announced a monthlong cease-fire that has been extended twice to allow passage of relief supplies to southern famine areas. The current extension is to expire at the end of this month. Prime minister Sadeq Al Mahdi has welcomed the truce, but the government has not reciprocated officially. Both sides have accused the other of minor violations but not of the magnitude of those reported by Al Guwat Al Musalaha.

Egyptian theologian to stand trial

CAIRO (R) — Blind Muslim theologian Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman will stand trial Aug. 6 for inciting violence and taking part in anti-government demonstrations, state security sources said Tuesday. Abdul Rahman, regarded by many members of the underground Islamic Jihad group as their spiritual guide, was arrested in April after radical Muslim clashed with police in the oasis town of Fayoum, 100 kilometres southwest of Cairo. Prosecution charged last month that Abdul Rahman led a demonstration which later swelled into a riot April 7.

Hizbollah: Kidnapping may be a mistake

BEIRUT (AP) — The spokesman for the fundamentalist Hizbollah (Party of God), which is believed to be an umbrella for captors of foreign hostages, said Tuesday the kidnappings may have been "a very big mistake." Hizbollah has repeatedly denied involvement in the kidnappings, although Western and local intelligence agencies have linked it to the underground factions that have claimed the abduction of most of the 17 Westerners missing in Lebanon. Speaking at a news conference, Hizbollah spokesman Ibrahim Al Amin reiterated: "We have repeatedly stressed that we have nothing to do with the hostages' issue." But when pressed by protesters for comment on the fate of the captives, he said: "It is possible that we might feel that some acts might have involved a very big mistake. But we have to face our mistakes in the way that preserves and respects our society."

5 killed, 13 hanged in Iran

NICOSIA (AP) — Five "bandit counterrevolutionaries" were killed or wounded in southeastern Iran, and 13 drug traffickers hanged in nine Iranian cities, official Iranian media reports said Tuesday. The Islamic Republic News Agency said that one man was killed and four others severely wounded when law enforcement agents ambushed the men in a two-day swoop as they crossed into southeastern Sistan-Baluchistan province. It did not say where they were coming from. IRNA described the men only as "bandit counterrevolutionaries," and did not list their crimes, or the reason they were ambushed by agents of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards corps. It quoted an unidentified official as saying that the ambush was assisted by volunteer tribesmen and that only one of the four wounded was captured.

Khamenei repeats demands

NICOSIA (R) — Iran has rejected Iraqi charges of war mongering and urged Baghdad to withdraw its forces from Iranian territory to make peace possible.

"As long as enemy forces are on our territory we do not have the necessary confidence in the peace talks," said President Ali Khamenei, elected leader of the Islamic republic after the death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini June 3.

"Let them take these forces out, then talk of peace" he told a group of volunteers in a speech broadcast on Tehran radio, monitored in Nicosia.

Khamenei, apparently responding to a recent statement by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein urging Iran "to stop beating the drums of war," said Tehran could not lower its guard.

"They are misrepresenting our calls for people to be prepared... we are not war mongers and never have been..."

Iranian linked to chemical weapons no longer in Bonn

FRANKFURT (AP) — An Iranian diplomat who allegedly coordinated the purchase of chemicals that could be used to manufacture poison gas for Iran has left West Germany and will not be returning, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.

The ministry also acknowledged it is checking a West German company in Dusseldorf which the United States alleges acted as a broker in the chemicals deal.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Hanns Schumacher, said West Germany had asked that an Iranian diplomat be recalled after receiving U.S.-provided information about his suspected links to the chemicals deal.

But the diplomat had already left West Germany, Schumacher said.

"The person in question has not worked at the (Iranian) embassy for some time, and will not resume his duties there," Schumacher said.

Schumacher did not identify the diplomat by name, or indicate why he had left before the West

Germans were informed of his alleged involvement in arranging the sale of the chemicals.

Informed sources in Bonn, who requested anonymity, identified the diplomat as Seyed Karim Ali Sobhani. They said he had been working at the Iranian embassy since September 1987.

Sobhani was also allegedly involved in the case of a West German national, Peter Walaschek, who was arrested in July 1988 in the United States for attempting to ship to Iran the chemical thiodiglycol, which is used to make mustard gas.

Walaschek later pleaded guilty to violating U.S. export laws, and said he purchased the chemicals at the request of Sobhani.

Walaschek later fled the United States and officials believe he is hiding out in West Germany.

In Bonn, another Foreign Ministry spokesman, Rainer Mueller, said federal officials are taking steps to investigate the Dusseldorf firm that the United States alleges acted as a broker in the Iran chemicals deal.

"We were informed by the

Americans about this last week," said Mueller, spokesman for Middle East affairs.

"We have notified the appropriate departments to take the necessary steps" for an investigation, Mueller told the AP in a telephone interview.

Asked which company was being probed for involvement in the deal, Mueller said: "I cannot name the company." He declined to elaborate.

The New York Times said in its Tuesday edition that the Dusseldorf firm, which U.S. officials also did not identify, had acted as a broker in arranging the sale to Iran of hundreds of tons of thionyl chloride, a chemical that can be used to make mustard gas.

It said the gas was to be made by an Indian manufacturer, but the bulk of the chemicals was not delivered.

Diplomatic sources in Bonn say U.S. Secretary of State James Baker personally informed West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher of the allegations in Washington June 21.

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PROGRAMME ONE

15:30 Korean
15:40 Programme review
15:45 Children programme
17:30 Local programme
18:00 News for the Deaf
18:20 Local programme
18:50 "Alpha"
19:15 Health programme
19:40 Programme review
20:00 News in Arabic
20:30 Bill Cosby Show
21:30 Programme review
21:40 Arabic play
22:00 News in Arabic

PROGRAMME TWO

18:00 La Baby Sitter
18:30 La Chance Aux Chansons
19:00 News in French
19:15 Tattle
19:30 News in Hebrew
19:45 Varieties
20:00 News in Arabic
20:30 Beauty and the Beast
22:00 News in English
22:30 Feature film

PRAYER TIMES

05:51 Fajr
05:59 (Sunrise) Duha
12:38 Dhuhur
16:18 'Asr
19:49 Maghrib
21:24 'Isha

CHURCHES

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Assemblies of God Church, Tel. 632785
St. Joseph Church Tel. 624590.

Church of the Annunciation Tel. 637440.

De la Salle Church Tel. 661757
Terrence Church Tel. 622866
Church of the Annunciation Tel. 623541.

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Armenian Orthodox Church Tel. 772521.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church Tel. 811295.

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WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

Another drop in temperatures is expected and winds will be north-westerly moderate. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

Min./Max. temp.

Amman 16 / 25

Aqaba 24 / 37

Deserts 17 / 35

Jordan Valley 21 / 36

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 20, Aqaba 38. Humidity readings: Amman 28 per cent, Aqaba 31 per cent.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

NIGHT DUTY

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Electric Power Company 636381

RJ Flight Information 08-53300

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HOSPITALS

AMMAN:

Khaldi Maternity, J. Ann. 644281/6

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Jabal Amman Maternity 642362

Malhas, J. Amman 636140

Palestine, Samiassi 664171/4

Shameisani Hospital 669131

University Hospital 848454

Al-Muasher Hospital 667227/9

The Islamic, Abdali 666127/7

Al-Ahli, Abdali 664164/6

Italian, Al-Muhajreen 771013/3

Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafieh 775111/26

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Amal Hospital 674135

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ARRIVALS

Royal Jordanian (RJ) Flights (Terminal 1)

06:30 Singapore, Kuala Lumpur (RJ)
10:00 Damascus (RJ)
10:15 Aqaba (RJ)
10:30 Jeddah (RJ)
10:45 Riyadh (RJ)
10:55 Doha, Bahrain (RJ)
11:00 Calcutta (RJ)
16:30 Kuwait (RJ)
17:15 London (RJ)
17:20 Riyadh (RJ)
17:30 Larana (RJ)
17:45 Jeddah (RJ)
18:00 New York, Amsterdam (RJ)
18:15 Athens (RJ)
19:10 Casablanca, Tunis (RJ)
19:30 Bangkok (RJ)
20:45 Rome (RJ)
22:55 Jeddah (RJ)
01:15 Baghdad (RJ)

Other Flights (Terminal 2)

09:15 Dubai (TU)
11:30 Kuwait (RJ)
11:40 Istanbul (TK)
12:20 Cairo (MS)
14:00 Kuwait (KU)
14:20 Muscat, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (GF)

15:00 Baghdad (IA)
16:00 Bucharest (RO)
17:25 Riyadh (SV)
18:15 Dubai (EK)
18:55 Amsterdam (KL)
19:25 Frankfurt (LH)
20:10 Zurich, Larana (SR)
01:05 London, Cairo (BA)

DEPARTURES

Royal Jordanian (RJ) Flights (Terminal 1)

08:00 Aqaba (RJ)
11:30 Kuwait (RJ)
11:45 Rome (RJ)
12:00 Riyadh (RJ)
12:10 Athens (RJ)
12:15 Vienna, New York (RJ)
12:30 Chicago, Los Angeles (RJ)
12:30 Dhahran (RJ)
13:00 London (RJ)
13:15 Paris (AF)
13:30 Larana (RJ)
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MARKET PRICES

No major financial sacrifice in Jerash '89

By Nermeen Murad
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Is culture and general knowledge worthy of financial sacrifice? Or to be more accurate, can art and culture be assessed according to their margin of profit (profit as in economy not knowledge)? Questions which cannot be assigned clear cut answers, but ones which many people in Jordan now feel need attention.

The Jerash Festival of Arts and Culture has fallen victim to a fervent debate in local papers, with some people advocating its services and others insisting that "we are facing an economic situation in the country which does not allow us to spend our money on luxuries."

The general director of Jerash Festival maintains that the value of the festival will not become clear to its critics for another five years or more. "Look at the Al Hussein Youth City. When it was estab-

lished many people felt that the country did not need large football fields and swimming pools, what do these critics say now?" Said Akram Masarweh.

Masarweh, who took charge of the Jerash Festival last year, feels that the gains of the festival far outweigh its losses. "The Jerash Festival has created indirect net profit for many organisations, companies and individuals," Masarweh said.

What Masarweh meant was the unestimated profit for the restaurants, petrol stations and street vendors who line the main entrances into the city of Jerash during the month of July.

Although Masarweh did not describe the actual expense of maintaining the Jerash Festival throughout the years, he accepted that recent economic developments in the Kingdom has made citizens wary of what he describes as "poetry" and that they now only accept facts and figures.

In answer to a question about how the festival could be portrayed as a financial success when one has to assume that cultural festivals are hardly ever profitable, Masarweh pointed out to several factors which he felt supported his positive answer to the question:

"All our contracts with the groups stipulate that we pay in Jordanian dinars, never foreign currency, and then we only pay two or three groups a year," Masarweh maintained.

He added that the payments are paid according to the foreign currency rate of the Central Bank of Jordan, and in the case of Jerash '89, the official rate of four months ago was adopted. This money, according to Masarweh, was paid into the local market.

"We never import anything we need, we always buy from the local market, so one could say we are distributing our money within the local market," Masarweh said.

He said that although the festival generates modest employment opportunities for young Jordanians, "we have also provided an open market for Jerash artifacts which the citizens of the ancient city display and sell within the grounds of the festival."

This year, Masarweh said, "we have allocated special places in the parking areas where local citizens could sell their produce such as dairy products, vegetables and fruits."

According to Masarweh, the festival enjoys assets estimated at JD 300,000, which cover sound and light equipment as well as other basic utilities.

Jordan Television, according to Masarweh, is a main beneficiary of the annual festival. "Our agreements with the groups include agreements of reserving the rights of Jordan Television to record and market the performances, which means that we will in a few

years, establish a large library of internationally renowned singers, actors and poets."

The Jerash Festival has acquired international reputation as one of the major annual events in the Arab World, and, according to Masarweh, several airlines have expressed their readiness to transport their groups to Jordan.

He cited Air France, Airoflot, and Gulf Air as examples of this new practice which, he said, "indicate that these airlines recognise the promotional value of this event."

In view of the economic situation of the country, the Jerash Festival has reduced the prices of the tickets to the major shows from JD 5 to JD 4 and has kept the prices of the other tickets at a minimum.

Jerash Festival may not have shown facts and figures of profit, but it has indicated, at the end of the eight years of trial and error, that no major financial sacrifices will be made in Jerash '89.

Sharif Zaid receives U.N. commander

AMMAN — Lieutenant General M. Vadset, chief of staff of the United Nations Middle East Contingency Forces had a meeting here Wednesday with Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. They reviewed the U.N. forces role in the Middle

East. The U.N. general later had a meeting with Army Chief of Staff General Fathi Abu Taleb to review the military situation in the region. The assistant Army Chief of Staff for intelligence was present at the meeting. (Petra photo).

5-day training course on scriptwriting ends

AMMAN (J.T.) — A five-day training course on scriptwriting for development communication ended in Amman Wednesday.

A total of 22 participants from the Ministry of Health, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, private and public organisations, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the U.S. and a Swedish Save the Children Funds and the Catholic Relief Service in Jordan took part in the seminar.

Topics related to definition of developmental communication and advanced skills in message and generic scriptwriting were tackled at the seminar, organised

by the Noor Al Hussein Foundation's (NHF) Health Communications for Child Survival Project (Healthcom).

The participants also attended workshops in which they prepared scriptwriting for radio and television.

Two international experts in communication and the implementation of training programmes supervised the seminar.

Healthcom is designed to help Jordan increase the impact of its child survival programmes through improved communication. It is jointly funded by the NHF and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

PSD issues travel advice

AMMAN (Petra) — The Public Security Department (PSD) issued a statement Wednesday advising citizens against travelling to the occupied West Bank across the King Hussein and Prince Mohammad bridges unless their permits and other documents have been sent to the bridges terminal in advance or if their permits are about to expire on Thursday or Friday.

A PSD statement said that the advice was being given in view of the unexplained and sudden change of procedures on the part of the Israeli authorities which resorted to reducing the number of people allowed in accordance with previous arrangements and without any justification.

The PSD statement said that normally in summer expatriates cross the bridges to visit their families and relatives in the occu-

ped territories because they get their annual leave during the summer holidays for their children or to spend the 'Eid Al Adha feast in the holy places.

Normally a total of 2,500 travellers are allowed to cross the King Hussein Bridge on a daily basis, but the Israeli authorities have resorted to reducing this number gradually starting from June 15 without any reasons for this repressive measures, the statement added. It said that this act had confusion at the terminals and caused congestion of travellers at the bridges.

The statement noted that contacts were underway to restore normal travel conditions, but travellers wishing to cross are advised to postpone their trip for the coming two days unless compelled to travel.

ACC GIVES GRANTS TO FARMERS: The Agricultural Credit Corporation's (ACC) board of directors Wednesday announced its decision to grant local farmers a total of JD 82,000 for the implementation of 71 projects. According to Mansour Ibn Tarif, the ACC director, the money will finance irrigation and land reclamation projects, planting fruit trees, the purchase of equipment and farm machinery and the construction of farm buildings. (Petra)

Hotel seeks to boost domestic tourism

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Intercontinental Hotel is organising a four-month competition, starting July 1, in a bid to encourage domestic tourism in the country.

According to a press conference by the hotel Wednesday the "Great pursuit" competition allows only individuals to take part and stipulates that all participants make use of the facilities at

the hotel's various departments.

According to the programme a participant can spend a minimum of JD 50 and a maximum of JD 2,500 to claim prizes ranging from perfume sets, to air tickets.

Each participant is issued a log book from any of the hotel's restaurants and one mile will be recorded for each JD 1 spent on food, beverage etc. The prize depend on the number of miles accumulated.

Prime minister meets with writers

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker Wednesday had a meeting here with the board members of the Jordanian Writers Federation (JWF) to discuss the federation's role in promoting literary and cultural movement in the country. The prime minister, voiced his appreciation of the writers' role and urged them to exert more efforts in reflecting national culture. The federation chairman and secretary general spoke at the meeting, outlining to the prime minister the

main programme for the federation and its current endeavours to promote the cultural movement in the country. The meeting was attended by Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Ibrahim Izzeddin and Minister of Culture and Information Nasouh Al Majali. The JWF was established in 1987 following the dissolution of the Association of Jordanian Writers that grouped 300 members. The federation groups more than 50 members.

Seminar discuss ties between construction firms, small investors

AMMAN (Petra) — Two working papers, one from Jordan and the other from the United States, were discussed by a four-day regional conference on financing housing projects being held at Amman Plaza Hotel Wednesday.

The Jordanian paper, submitted by Ibrahim Al Taher from the Housing Bank, covered the relationship between construction firms who own the housing blocks and the small investors.

The paper noted that flat blocks built by private constructors cost 30 per cent less than units set up by real estate firms and government organisations because the former do not get loans from local banks for which they have to pay interest.

The American paper covered the role of the constructors who build homes to be sold to small investors in the Third World.

It said that the role of these constructors is very important in the absence of specialised organisations that build housing units.

The conference, which ends Thursday, has been organised by the Housing Bank in cooperation

with the United States Agency for international development USAID.

Questions such as providing incentives for investors in housing schemes, the role of the private sector in housing projects and problems related to owners of land and the relationship between investors and banks are on the agenda.

On Tuesday, participants in institutions for reviewed a number of working papers on financing housing and supporting housing loans.

Addressing the session was Deputy Director of the Housing Bank Abdul Qader Al Dweik, who outlined the importance of providing appropriate housing and described it as an essential element for social stability.

Dweik pointed out that the housing problem entails mobilisation of efforts, providing the necessary funds to support the housing sector and devising the best means for utilising and investing savings in housing projects.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PRINCE MOHAMMAD VISITS PRIME MINISTRY: His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, the personal representative of His Majesty King Hussein, Wednesday visited the Prime Ministry and conferred with Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. (Petra)

STONE QUARRIES: The Jordanian Engineers Association will hold a seminar on July 24 on the production of stone quarries by private and public sectors. Participants will discuss 19 research papers on the quarries role in the construction business. (Petra)

TURKISH ENVOY HOSTS RECEPTION: Turkish Ambassador to Jordan Samih Belen Wednesday hosted a farewell reception at the Turkish embassy in Amman. The reception, which held to mark the ambassador's termination of tour of duty in Jordan, was attended by senior government officials, Jordanian dignitaries and diplomats. (Petra)

PILGRIMS ARRIVE IN MEDINA: The first group of Jordanian pilgrims arrived in Medina Tuesday and a special Jordanian committee in charge of pilgrimage has taken care of their lodging in the Holy City. The pilgrims will be proceeding later to Mecca where the climax of the pilgrimage season will be held by the middle of the coming month. The committee, set up by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, is in charge of making arrangements for the pilgrims transportation and lodging during the pilgrimage season in the two holy cities. (Petra)

CIVIL DEFENCE EXERCISE: In cooperation with the Civil Defence Department, the Amman Marriott Hotel will conduct an evacuation drill Thursday at 11:00 a.m. The experiment comes in the context of the hotel's intensive efforts to train its employees on evacuation drills for fire extinguishing and first-aid operations.

Badran, Falkowski discuss implementation of soil classification pact

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The delegate of the European Community (EC) in Amman Christian Falkowski had a meeting here Wednesday with Agriculture Minister Adnan Badran for a discussion on mutual cooperation in agricultural affairs.

Also Wednesday, the minister of agriculture met with Egyptian Ambassador to Jordan Muhab Muqbel to discuss bilateral cooperation in agriculture and joint ventures.

The two sides discussed a bilateral agreement on the implementation of a soil classification and land survey project for which an agreement with a British company will be signed in the coming week.

The JD 2.352 million project to be financed by the EC is designed to provide the country with a tool to protect its soil and increase food production.

The project entails wide agricultural production expansion in rain-fed regions and areas irrigated by river water.

On June 20, the EC signed an agreement granting Jordan three million European Currency Units (ECU) to study ground water resources in the Azraq basin in the northeast of the country.

The fund for the three-year project was part of a 100 million ECU covering the 1987-1991 protocol which provides aid to Jordan's water and irrigation sector.

The minister and Falkowski also discussed the prospects of EC's assistance to implement a Jordanian plan to provide inoculation to its livestock.

The ambassador requested that Jordanian views be submitted through a working paper to the coming meeting of the joint Jordanian-Egyptian Economic Committee.

Badran also had a meeting with Indian Ambassador to Jordan Gurcharan Singh with whom he reviewed India's experiment in milk production.

The ambassador voiced his country's readiness to provide facilities for a Jordanian delegation to tour Indian dairy farms and familiarise themselves with the fresh milk production process.

NMI saves JD 5m through direct purchase of medicine

AMMAN (J.T.) — The National Medical Institution (NMI) has saved JD 5 million by concluding contracts for the purchase of foreign-made medicine directly with the pharmaceutical companies rather than conducting a deal through local agents.

The announcement was made by NMI Assistant Director Badie Al Qawasmi who said that there was no drug shortages in any of the NMI hospitals.

According to Qawasmi the NMI lately granted a JD 8.6 million tender to 151 world pharmaceutical companies to supply it with the required medicine and that a special committee has been formed to make an assessment for the NMI hospitals' needs in the coming year.

There is total coordination between the NMI and the Ministry of Health concerning the purchase of medical equipment and drugs for the private and public sector hospitals. Qawasmi noted in an interview with the Sawt Al Shaab daily.

Qawasmi also announced that the NMI has laid down a plan to carry out maintenance work at all NMI hospitals at the cost of JD 1.3 million.

Earlier this month, Minister of Health Zuhair Malhas said the

Ministry of Health and private drug store proprietors were currently revising the prices of imported medicine in view of the new Jordanian dinar exchange rate against other currencies.

He said that the medicine produced in Jordan will not be affected by any new arrangements and noted that Jordanian

medicine accounts for 40 per cent of the total needs of Jordanian residents.

Meanwhile, a report in Al Ra'i daily said Wednesday that there will be no increases whatsoever in the price rates of locally produced medicine. It quoted authoritative source as saying Jordan consumes JD 14 million worth of drugs annually.

Bonn to provide JD 210,000 worth of technical assistance

AMMAN (J.T.) — West Germany is to provide JD 210,000 worth of technical assistance to Jordan to help it develop the agricultural potential in the Jordan Valley region and improve living conditions for the local inhabitants, according to memorandum signed in Amman Wednesday.

The agreement, which will cover the period of 1989-1990, was in the form of documents signed by West German Ambassador Herwig Bartels and Minister of Planning Ziyad Fariz.

Under the terms of the agreement, West Germany through its

agency for technical cooperation, will provide the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) with experts to help in the management of water resources, irrigation and planning agricultural projects; and will work out a feasibility study on the diversion of the Adasieh River, installing a network of pumping stations, providing equipment and giving training courses to local personnel.

Last July, Jordan and Germany signed an agreement for the 1987-1989 period providing funds from Germany for projects one of which covered the agricultural sector.

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION Tender Announcement

The contractors who had been qualified previously for the Seventh Education Project and willing to participate in the following bid are requested to get bid documents from the projects and buildings directorate, Ministry of Education from 24/6/1989 with the following conditions.

- The Seventh Education Project is partially financed by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
- Description of Tender. Price JD 150
 - Tender No. 8/D/89
 - Construction of school building in Fadian and Al Hay Al Shamali Area (833) sq.m.
- Last date of purchasing copies of tender documents is 7/8/1989.
- Last date for submitting financial offers is 12/8/1989 at 2:00 noon at the Ministry of Public Works.

Director of Central Tendering Committee

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- ★ An art exhibition by Jordanian and Arab artists at Al Wasiti Art Gallery.
- ★ An art exhibition entitled "Study in Line and Colour" by Dodi Tabaa at the Petra Bank Art Gallery.
- ★ An exhibition entitled "French Jazz Nowadays" in which several videos will be shown at the French Cultural Centre.
- ★ A photo exhibition which includes photos depicting the great role played by the leaders of the Great Arab Revolt at the Palace of Culture, Al Hussein Youth City.
- ★ An art exhibition by three Arab artists representing Bahrain, Syria and Jordan at the Housing Bank Art Gallery.
- ★ An art exhibition entitled "Songs of the Earth" by Mohammad Nasrallah at the French Cultural Centre.
- ★ An exhibition of stamps from the Arab Cooperation Council countries at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ★ An exhibition of Soviet stamp collection at the Yarmouk University.
- ★ The second annual exhibition of works by students from the Ministry of Social Development schools and centres at the Professional Associations Complex.

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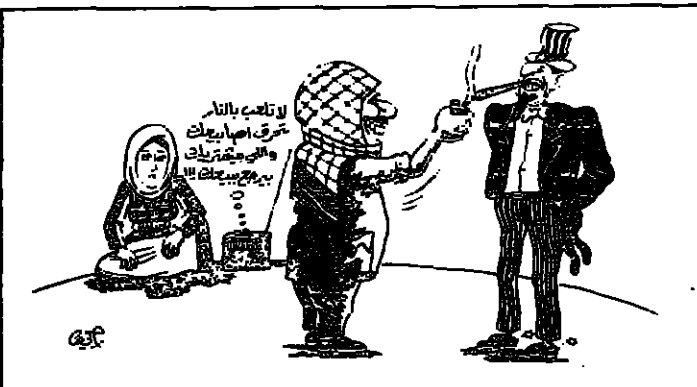
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Tighten where possible, loosen where necessary

IT IS one thing to ask of the high and middle income segments of the Jordanian society to bear the brunt of the economic and fiscal readjustments forced upon us in these difficult economic times, and quite another to demand of the low income groups to also tighten their already tightened belts for this purpose. Clearly it is not unduly harsh, especially for the rich bracket of Jordanians, to adjust to the new realities in the Kingdom's economy. Everyone knows that any such readjustments would barely make a dent in their life-style. To a much lesser extent, the same applies to the middle class of Jordanians, albeit they will have to endure much more in order to lower the standard of living they are used to. As for the poor among us, it is simply inhuman to call on them to share in the overall belt tightening in view of their already depressed standard of living. Accordingly, it would be prudent and wise to make financial arrangements for the poor such as adjustments to the cost of living to enable them to cope equitably with the inflationary trends in the country. It is suggested here that all low income groups of the society, be they from civil service, security forces, private companies, farmers or self-employed people, be accorded special treatment to help them keep a roof over their heads in humane conditions. Whatever the price tag of such a scheme, it will surely never be as high as the cost of neglecting the needy among us. How to finance such a plan is of course something that only the experts can dwell on. Maybe they will be called upon to improvise the best way they could to accommodate such a humanitarian task, which, if left unattended, could become a cause of instability. Obviously, improving the lot of the poor in the country should be accorded a very high priority on par with even our defence needs. Once we are convinced of its urgency there is no limit to how far we should go to rectify it. Any counsel to the contrary stands to cause the country great harm.



JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i newspaper Wednesday hailed the graduation of a new batch of officers to serve in the Armed Forces and the security forces in Jordan and said the new batch, equipped with high military skills and supplies with information is bound to contribute to the defence of the Arab homeland. The newspaper said that the new officers will augment the potential of Jordan's defence force in the face of external danger, and echoed the King's statement at the graduation ceremony in which he said that Jordan's security was part of the security of the whole Arab Nation. The paper said that the Armed Forces are therefore bound to protect the Arab order and the Arab soil. The Arab people of Jordan look with pride to the new graduates on whom they pin hopes to provide security for the nation.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily says that the final statement issued in Madrid by the heads of state of the European Community countries prove that the Europeans fully understand the situation in the Middle East region. Indeed their views are quite close if not identical to that of the Arab Nation, Mahmoud Rimawi notes in his column. He says that the Europeans have once again confirmed their support for the Palestinian people's right to self-determination, and stressed the need for the PLO to be involved in peace negotiations. The statement in Madrid said Sharmir's election plan was a positive move provided it was linked to a package deal providing for a comprehensive settlement not an autonomy rule, and that Arab residents of Jerusalem should be included in the elections, thus reaffirming Europe's refusal of Israel's annexation of the Arab city and its adherence to the implementation of U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, the writer notes. He says what is important is that Europe rejects the elections idea as in its separate from and insists on a comprehensive agreement which can ensure a lasting settlement. What the Arabs should do now is to build on this positive development and reactivate the work of the Arab League's committees to maintain the dialogue with Europe and to canvas further support for the Palestinian cause.

Sawt Al Shaab daily commented on the graduation of a new batch of army officers from Muta University as saying that King Hussein has exerted all possible efforts to create a high institute for military training and military strategy to turn out qualified people to lead the defence of their country. King Hussein has been keen on providing the Armed Forces with all means for defence and with all requirements for continued development, the paper noted. It said that the King, in his address to the graduation ceremony, has reaffirmed the meanings of military service which, he said, is characterised with bravery, sacrifice and continued endeavour. The King has also reminded the graduates of their duty alongside their colleagues in the Armed Forces, and said that Jordan will continue to uphold the principles of the Great Arab Revolt and achieve its objectives.

Have a fresh look, Mr. Baker

By John Law

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's speech to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (Aipac) on May 22 has been widely praised for its so-called "evenhandedness". While he surely deserves a compliment for the unprecedented willingness of a secretary of state to criticise some Israeli (as well as Palestinian) policies in blunt language in front of such an audience, I fail to see the virtue of "evenhandedness" in such a context. Evenhandedness is a worthy criterion for the process of justice — ie, both sides to a dispute should get a fair hearing for their views. But it shouldn't require a national political leader to address an issue as though he believes both sides are equally right or equally wrong. Actually, about the only times this does seem to happen is with the Arab Israeli conflict, when any official who believes the Arabs have a better argument than the Israelis finds it politically expedient not to say so, often preferring to wish a plague on both their houses — an approach that tends to be regarded by the American public as an admirable display of fairness. But would it have been fair in 1940, before we were yet at war, if President Roosevelt had "evenhandedly" criticised both the Germans, for occupying France, and the French underground, for resisting the occupation?

In chastising Israel during his speech, Mr. Baker told Israelis that they should give up the idea of a "Greater Israel" beyond their current borders; refrain from settlement activity in or annexation of the West Bank and Gaza; count on a "settlement based on Resolution 242" to protect their "security interests" there; allow Palestinian schools to reopen, and "reach out to the Palestinians as neighbours who deserve political rights". So far so good.

Mr. Baker's advice to the Palestinians, as with the Israelis, was summarised by him in a brief paragraph, which I will deal with sentence by sentence:

Now is the time to speak with one voice for peace.

The Palestinians are speaking with one voice — the voice of Yasser Arafat. This is because there is a consensus among Palestinians both in and out of the occupied territories that the PLO is their representative, and Arafat happens to be the PLO's chairman. This does not mean that all Palestinians agree with what he says, any more than all Americans agree with everything that President Bush says. Numerous Democratic leaders speak publicly about their disagreements with various of his policies, and so do many Republicans. Does this mean that the United States does not "speak with one voice"? Are there any countries other than dictatorships where voices of opposition do not speak up?

Practice constructive diplomacy, not attempts to distort international organisations, such as the WHO.

Arafat did try to get the PLO admitted to the World Health Organisation, but it was part of his continuing effort to gain recognition for the PLO and for its declaration that Palestine is a state. Surely Arafat was not attempting deliberately to "distort" an organisation affiliated with the United Nations, whose General

Assembly has been such a strong supporter of the PLO. It would be more accurate to say that it was the United States that attempted to "distort" the WHO, when it threatened to withdraw funding from it as a means of building up pressure against Arafat, rather than fighting his proposal on its merits from within, as a loyal, dues-paying member of an organisation ought to have done.

Amend the Covenant.

The "Covenant" — more usually translated as the "Charter" — is not a constitution. It is more like a Declaration of Independence, it is essentially a people's statement of principles and a call to action, aimed at getting rid of a system viewed as tyrannical and unjust, and replacing it with a better one. The Palestinians who wrote the Charter believed that Zionism was tyrannical and unjust because it used force to establish a state in Palestine that would be ruled by members of one religion, instead of allowing those who lived in Palestine to have a single, secular state where Jews, Christians and Muslims would live as equals. Practically all Palestinians believe that this idea was, and in principle still is, a valid one — but their parliament, the Palestine National Council, has decided, in accordance with its constitutional processes, to adopt a policy that would limit an independent Palestinian state to the area of the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem. That makes this PLO policy, and as such it now supersedes the Charter's call for a single secular state in all of Palestine. For this reason, Palestinians see no reason why they should have to change their Charter — like our own Declaration of Independence — a product of its time.

We in the U.S. never talk about amending the Declaration of Independence, even though many of the things said in it are today no longer acceptable even to Americans. Surely, we no longer think of the British government as one that imposes "death, desolation and tyranny," perpetrating "cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages"? And do we agree with the Declaration's description of "the merciless Indian savages, whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions"? Let's stop trying to revise the history of rhetoric and get down to solving current problems.

Translate the dialogue of violence in the intifada into a dialogue of politics and diplomacy.

I thought the Palestinians had already done this. By showing how strongly they feel about occupation, through carrying out an intifada that just won't stop, the Palestinians developed the confidence to recognise Israel behind its 1967 borders and to accept U.N. Resolution 242 — and then managed to convince the United States to recognise the PLO. Palestinian dialogue and diplomacy are alive and well, as never before.

Is that so? Israel used violence to take over the West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights 22 years ago, and its been working for them ever since.

Reach out to Israelis and convince them of your peaceful intentions.

I guess I've been in a dream these last six months. Let's see: Palestinian leaders meeting Israelis at a flurry of seminars in the U.S. and elsewhere to discuss "peace". Arafat saying he would even go to Jerusalem to talk with Israeli leaders if they invited him; the PNC in Algiers accepting Resolution 242 and voting for a "two-state" solution to their conflict with Israel; Arafat in Algiers, Stockholm and Geneva continually rephrasing his "recognition statement" on Israel in order to satisfy a nit-picking state department; Bassam Abu Sharif, producing again and again an eloquent and lucid explanation of how and why the PLO really means it when it says it wants peace with Israel. I don't think I dozed off — but maybe Mr. Baker did.

No one is going to "deliver" Israel for you.

After 18 months of intifada and more than 500 dead, it's about time that the administration stopped talking to the Palestinians as though they are always looking to get things the easy way, on a silver platter. They will always hope, of course, that the administration and Congress might work up the courage to suggest to Israel that it will cut off aid if it continues to use the money in ways that conflict with U.S. policy and damage the prospects for peace. But after 41 years, during which this has been done only once (by Eisenhower in 1956, when aid to Israel was very small, and the Israeli lobby much less powerful), the Palestinians are not so naive as to believe that they can depend on the U.S. to "deliver" Israel in this way. On the other hand, it is the U.S. that is being naive if it assumes it can get a peace settlement in the area without putting meaningful pressure on Israel. And the only meaningful pressure we can exert is by cutting back the aid we give the Israelis, which is not their birthright.

The administration also seems to assume that there's lots of time to work things out. Mr. Bush and his aides talk of the need not to rush, to depend on a series of "small steps" to reach the goal over a period of years. They are dead wrong.

When Arafat decided to try to convince the world of the PLO's sincerity in wanting a peaceful solution by playing its highest cards — recognition of Israel and acceptance of a homeland on only a tiny part of Palestine — he did it without any assurance that Israel would, in return, recognise either the PLO or the Palestinians' right to an independent homeland. In doing that he made what large numbers of Palestinians thought was a dangerous and foolish gamble. They argued that the record has shown that Israel never responds to Palestinian concessions, only to Palestinian pressures. So far, they think they have turned out to be right, and I think it's safe to say that not a day goes by in the occupied territories or in the diaspora without several more disillusioned Palestinians deciding to join or throw their support to those who think the only solution lies in armed resistance. It doesn't help that the Israeli government is using a heavier iron fist than ever in the territories, and that Israel's hawkish West Bank settlers are on the rampage.

It's time to take a new look at the roots of the problem. Mr. Baker. Quickly — Middle East International, London.

Zimbabwe shucks Socialism, seeks investors

By Angus Shaw
The Associated Press

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe — The economic theories of Marx and Lenin are losing their luster in Zimbabwe, Africa's youngest avowedly Socialist nation.

"Even dreaming of Socialism is a non-starter," says Hebert Ushewokunze, the country's minister of political affairs. "We won't see true Socialism here. Nor will our children."

As a doctor, Ushewokunze, 51, tended Marxist guerrillas wounded in the seven-year war that led to Zimbabwe's independence from Britain in 1980.

As political commissar in President Robert Mugabe's ruling party since then, he has been given the task of promoting revolutionary fervor among the party faithful.

So it may not have been easy for him to do a reversal and explain the country's new investment code to a group of businessmen recently in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second city.

"We have lifted the lid by inviting external investors," he told them. "I don't see this investment atmosphere as conducive to the goals of a Socialist state."

The investment code, Zimbabwe's first, has brought a decidedly mixed reaction. Many businessmen say it is too little, too late; radical students and others have condemned it as a sell-out.

Kempton Makumure, a university professor and outspoken Marxist ideologue, was detained by police for questioning June 9 after criticising the code on state radio, calling it a violation of Socialist principles. Two journalists involved in the broadcast were suspended.

But if Makumure and his disciples think the code strays too far from Socialist philosophy, many businessmen believe it doesn't go far enough.

"We have been given a bone, but there's not enough meat on it," said Arthur Chapman, a business executive in the capital, Harare.

A black entrepreneur, who asked not to be identified, said the state's ideological dilemma created an investment policy that "was not dramatic enough to attract the high rollers we really need."

Mugabe came to power after independence, vowing to lead the former colony of Rhodesia on a Marxist-Leninist path.

His government introduced sweeping social and economic changes, including cheap schooling, free health care, price controls on a broad range of commodities and stringent, protective labour laws that critics said prom-

oted inefficiency.

But Mugabe inherited a mixed capitalist-style economy that has remained largely in the hands of a 100,000-strong white minority that favours the free-enterprise system.

For years, government and the business community coexisted uneasily. Meanwhile, the economy stagnated and unemployment increased to a potentially explosive level.

Experts say some 300,000 students will leave school next year and enter an economy that is producing only about 7,000 new jobs a year. Unemployed voters will outnumber employed voters 3-to-1 in the 1990 parliamentary election.

Business and government leaders agree all of that was not lost on state planners. So in May, after months of speculation that something of the sort was coming, Mugabe announced the new investment code.

It allows foreigners to hold 25 percent of the share value of new investments, up from 15 per cent. It also permits them to remit 25 to 100 per cent of their profits abroad in hard currencies.

Hungary's party reformers and conservatives face hot summer

By Alex Bandy
The Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Communist Party reformers have won a victory at a weekend crisis meeting of the central committee that put three of them on a newly created four-man presidium charged with running the party until the fall.

Reformers were also strengthened Saturday at the meeting of the policy-making central committee by the appointment as party chairman of Rezső Nyers, the father of pioneering economic reforms in the late 1960s.

Nyers, Minister of State Imre Pozsgay and Premier Miklos Nemeth, all well-known reformers, will now run the party along with General Secretary Karoly Grosz. Grosz, a centrist in power for just 13 months had led the party alone until Saturday, and the formation of the four-man presidium represented a severe check on his authority.

The changes were apparently aimed at averting a complete split in the ranks of Hungary's ruling Communists until a congress selects new leaders this fall.

"It was a maintaining operation, ensuring the party to hold on and

preventing it from falling apart before the Oct. 7 congress," commented a Western diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Grosz has lost standing recently with a series of contradictory statements interpreted as vacillation by both reformers and conservatives. Increasingly open conflicts between the two wings left him little middle ground, and several party reform groups called publicly for his ouster ahead of the two-day central committee meeting.

The reformers enjoy general popularity across the nation. But Grosz's inclusion in the new leadership suggested reform-minded Communists had been forced to strike a balance with disgruntled conservatives.

"This was a conscious compromise in which everybody knew the rules of the game. Previously compromises were made in secret... but at the congress we'll speak openly," Mai Nap, an independent afternoon daily, on Sunday quoted an unnamed party official as saying.

The official appeared optimistic about the chances of true democracy in the wake of the meeting.

"It seems to me that the central

committee is unanimous on the question of being generally committed to a multi-party system in which the (Communist) Party will be only one party among many working under the same conditions," he said.

The first act of the new leadership was to revamp the nine-man party politburo, expanding its membership to 21 and renaming it the political executive committee.

The makeup of the new politburo also struck a balance between reformers and conservatives, including all nine members of the old body. Among other important reformers is Foreign Minister Gyula Horn, influential historian Maria Ormos and Congrad county party boss Pal Vastagh.

Reformers also showed their strength in achieving the ouster of Janos Berecz, a former chief ideologist who lost his politburo seat in April, from the influential rank to central committee secretary.

Spokesman Laszlo Major said the central committee decided that the process of delegate selection for the congress should be completed by Aug. 25, with one delegate for every 600 of Hun-

gary's 700,000 Communists. The makeup of the delegates will decide whether the congress gives wholehearted backing to reform.

If not, a party split is still possible.

Nyers, Pozsgay and Nemeth have openly supported reform groups formed inside the party in the last three months and backed a new movement for a democratic Hungary and other democratic groups.

The reformers believe that only their more democratic policies can give the party hope of emerging as the strongest force from next year's elections and then forming a coalition government with the strongest of some 30 democratic opposition groups.

A public opinion poll last month conducted by two leading sociologists showed that only 36.5 per cent of those queried would vote for the Hungarian Socialist Workers' (Communist) Party, if free elections were to be held within one month.

According to the survey, the ruling Communists, together with the Social Democrats, would muster just about 50 per cent, enough to form a leftist coalition cabinet.

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Le premier ministre israélien, Yitzhak Shamir, a le mérite de la clarté. S'adressant lundi à la commission des Affaires étrangères et de la Défense du Parlement, à Jérusalem, il a déclaré que son initiative en faveur d'élections dans les TERRITOIRES OCCUPÉES «était plus importante d'un point de vue médiatique que sur le fond». Répondant aux questions des députés, il a notamment exclu que ce scrutin aboutisse à la création d'un «Parlement palestinien». M. Shamir a également réaffirmé que les élus de Gaza ou de Cisjordanie seraient uniquement chargés d'administrer la vie quotidienne dans le cadre d'un «régime d'autonomie» et serviraient d'interlocuteurs pour négocier un règlement global du conflit israélo-palestinien. Si ces paroles ont pu rassurer un courant important du Likoud, qui, à l'instar des ultra nationalistes, dénonce le plan d'élections adopté par le gouvernement, elles auront difficilement satisfait la communauté internationale, et particulièrement les Etats-Unis, qui entendent dans cette proposition une chance, mince mais réelle, de dialogue entre les deux parties. Elles risquent d'isoler encore plus la diplomatie israélienne, au moment même où la Communauté économique européenne (CEE) pousse à la négociation directe avec des représentants de l'O.L.P. Les ministres des Affaires étrangères des Douze, réunis lundi et mardi à Madrid, ont en effet adopté une résolution demandant formellement «la participation de l'O.L.P. au processus de paix».

La CEE a également approuvé une série de mesures destinées à faire pression sur la CHINE et à obtenir l'arrêt des exécutions de manifestants du «printemps de Pékin». Les Douze ont ainsi imposé un embargo sur les ventes d'armes et suspendu tout crédit ou aide financière à ce pays, tant que se poursuivra la «répression contre ceux qui ont manifesté pour leurs droits à la démocratie», selon les termes du communiqué publié à l'issue de la conférence. Ces décisions, qui viennent s'ajouter à l'embargo américain, ne semblent pas inquiéter outre mesure les responsables chinois. Le colonel Li Zheyun, chargé de faire appliquer la loi martiale à Pékin, a déclaré en début de semaine que l'armée ne regrette pas la façon dont elle a réprimé le mouvement des étudiants. S'exprimant devant des journalistes étrangers sur la place Tian An Men, il a réaffirmé qu'aucun manifestation n'aurait été tué ni écrasé par les chars le 4 juin dernier. En bon soldat, il a justifié sa «bonne conscience» en expliquant que l'armée avait été chargée «par le gouvernement central de nettoyer la place». Simplement. (D'après agences).

EN BREF

Visite. Zeid Ben Chaker effectuera une visite officielle à Damas au début du mois de juillet, la première en Syrie depuis sa nomination à la tête du gouvernement jordanien en avril. M. Ben Chaker participera à la réunion du haut comité jordanien-syrien, chargé de promouvoir les échanges économiques entre les deux pays.

Balance. Les exportations de la Jordanie à destination du marché commun arabe (Jordanie, Egypte, Irak, Syrie, Libye, Mauritanie, Yémen du Sud) ont diminué de 7% en 1988, atteignant la somme de 132 millions de dollars contre 143 millions en 1987. Dans le même temps, le royaume a doublé ses importations, estimées l'an dernier à 419 millions de dollars. Les échanges entre la Jordanie et les autres pays du marché commun arabe portent essentiellement sur des matières premières, le carburant, les produits chimiques, les huiles végétales, le tabac, les médicaments, le ciment et les produits textiles.

CCA. Les ministres des Affaires étrangères des pays du Conseil de coopération arabe (CCA) se réuniront à Amman au cours de la deuxième quinzaine de juillet. Cette première conférence, depuis le sommet d'Alexandrie les 15 et 16 juin derniers, entre dans le cadre de la coopération politique permanente souhaitée par le roi Hussein et les présidents égyptien, irakien et yéménite. Par ailleurs, le premier ministre nord-yéménite, Abdel Aziz Abdel Ghani, s'est déclaré favorable à une adhésion du Yémen du Sud au CCA, dans une interview publiée dimanche par le quotidien koweïtien Al-Anbaa.

Automobile. Les Soviétiques ont annoncé lundi leur intention de lancer un nouveau modèle automobile sur le marché du Moyen-Orient. Il s'agit de l'«Alekko 141», qui appartient à la fameuse série des Moskvitch. Selon Moscou, les premiers exemplaires seront importés par le sultanat d'Oman. La dernière née de l'industrie automobile soviétique fait également route vers l'Occident. Cent cinquante «Alekko 141» ont déjà été livrées en France où leur nombre devrait dépasser le millier avant la fin de l'année.

Archives. Le secrétaire d'Etat français aux relations culturelles internationales, Thierry de Beaucou, a indiqué la semaine dernière que la France était prête à aider la Turquie pour le dépouillement des archives ottomanes. Paris a notamment proposé de collaborer à la fondation d'une école des Chartes à Istanbul, afin de classer et de conserver ces documents qui représentent dix siècles d'histoire.

UNRWA. La France a décidé d'apporter une contribution extraordinaire au budget de l'UNRWA (Office des Nations-Unies pour les secours aux réfugiés palestiniens). Le ministre délégué aux Affaires étrangères, Edwige Avice, a ajouté que Paris «en tant que futur président de la Communauté européenne, veillera au renforcement de la solidarité européenne» à l'égard de l'organisation. L'UNRWA, dont le siège se trouve à Vienne, dispose d'un budget annuel d'environ 226 millions de dollars pour venir en aide à plus de deux millions de réfugiés palestiniens. La contribution française ordinaire s'élève à près d'un million et demi de dollars.

Sous-marin. Un sous-marin soviétique à propulsion nucléaire a dû interrompre lundi ses manoeuvres au large de la Norvège après la rupture d'une canalisation de refroidissement de son réacteur. Selon le ministre soviétique de la Défense, l'accident n'a entraîné aucune contamination de l'environnement et l'équipage n'a pas été exposé aux radiations. L'accident qui intervient trois mois après la perte par l'URSS d'un autre sous-marin nucléaire, le «Komsolets», dans la même région.

Etoiles. Le lancement, à la fin du mois de juillet, du satellite «Hipparcos» par la fusée européenne Ariane permettra de mesurer la position, la vitesse et la distance de cent quinze mille étoiles situées dans un rayon de trois mille années lumière autour de la Terre. Selon les experts de l'Observatoire de la Côte d'Azur (OCA), coordinateur de l'exploitation scientifique de l'opération, les données que cette mission permettra de recueillir seront dix fois plus précises que les mesures existantes.

Pas touche. Les hommes ne pourront plus désormais prendre les mesures des clientes dans les magasins de vêtements ou dans les ateliers de confection dans les Emirats Arabes Unis. Cette mesure est destinée à «préserver les préceptes, valeurs et traditions islamiques», a indiqué le ministère du Travail et des Affaires sociales. Elle intervient six mois après l'interdiction signifiée aux coiffeurs de couper les cheveux des femmes.

Ruée. Vingt et un chercheurs d'or sont morts de froid et d'asphyxie le week-end dernier dans les montagnes chinoises du Qinghai, proches de la frontière du Tibet. Huit mille autres étaient toujours bloqués mercredi à plus de cinq mille mètres d'altitude par la fonte des neiges. Les malheureux prospecteurs s'étaient précipités, avec leurs tamis mais sans vêtements chauds, après avoir entendu dire qu'un chasseur avait trouvé de l'or dans deux lacs du Qinghai.

La sécheresse en Jordanie

De l'eau et des hommes

Une sécheresse sans pareille depuis 1928, des besoins grandissants en eau potable et pour l'agriculture, des réserves naturelles qui s'épuisent... Le royaume hachémite fait face depuis une dizaine d'années à une crise de l'eau qui, selon les experts, risque de voir le pays presque à sec en l'an 2000.

Depuis en mois et demi, les pompes du barrage de King Abdallah, au nord-ouest d'Amman, sont muettes. Pour la deuxième année consécutive, les autorités ont dû interrompre l'approvisionnement de la capitale à partir de ce réservoir. Motif: l'eau commence à manquer. «Ce barrage constitue l'une des principales sources d'alimentation du gouvernement d'Amman en eau potable», souligne Abdoul Rahman Omari, directeur du planning à l'Autorité de l'eau. «Mais le niveau descend trop vite et nous avons été dans l'obligation de stopper le pompage pour être sûrs que les exploitations agricoles de la vallée du Jourdain auront assez d'eau pour arroser les récoltes».

Parallèlement à cette décision, le gouvernement a ordonné début juin le rationnement de l'eau à Amman, Irbid, Zarqa, Mafrak ou encore Barka. «Ce sont les zones les plus peuplées, donc les plus consommatrices», poursuit Abdoul Rahman Omari. Si les coupures ne touchent pas tous les quartiers de la capitale, plusieurs milliers d'habitants vivent cependant depuis près d'un mois avec un robinet ouvert deux à trois jours sur sept. «Les zones touchées par le rationnement ont au minimum l'eau courante quarante huit heures par semaine», précise-t-il. Les gens ont alors le temps de remplir les réservoirs installés sur les toits. C'est suffisant pour tenir deux ou trois jours sans difficultés.

Argument le plus souvent avancé pour expliquer le rationnement: la sécheresse des deux derniers mois. «Le mois

Plus de ressources dans 10 ans

La seule conséquence notable de cette relative sécheresse concerne les cultures. «Avec moins de 20 mm d'eau depuis fin mars, les champs de céréales ont énormément souffert», reconnaît-on au ministère de l'Agriculture. Une souffrance infligée par la faiblesse de la dépression d'Afrique du Nord depuis plus de deux mois et qui se traduira par une très médiocre production. Le ministère prévoit en effet une récolte de blé d'environ 40.000 tonnes, soit la moitié de celle de l'année dernière. «Ça représente moins de 10% de nos besoins», ajoute-t-on.

Le problème de l'eau devient



En haut: l'oasis d'Azraq il y a encore 10 ans... et aujourd'hui à sec pendant l'été. En bas, l'un des cinq barrages que compte aujourd'hui la Jordanie. L'agriculture (à droite), grande consommatrice d'eau.

encore plus crucial lorsqu'il s'agit de faire face aux besoins domestiques. D'après le ministère de l'eau et de l'irrigation la consommation a ainsi augmenté de plus de 9,5% entre 1987 et 1988. «Il est impossible d'empêcher une telle évolution», soutient Abdoul Rahman Omari. Même si nous éduquons les gens à rationaliser leur consommation d'eau, nous sommes dépassés par le problème démographique. Non seulement la Jordanie comptera cinq à six millions d'habitants en l'an 2000, mais elle verra aussi la consommation individuelle augmenter, du fait de la modernisation des équipements ménagers qui requièrent plus d'eau. Le dilemme jordanien est clair: comment concilier un nombre toujours plus grand de consommateurs avec des ressources limitées et aujourd'hui menacées?

85% des ressources en eau potable de la Jordanie proviennent de nappes phréatiques, dont la plupart sont surexploitées depuis de nombreuses années.

France Nouvel ambassadeur

Le ministère français des Affaires étrangères a annoncé lundi la nomination de Denis Bauchard au poste d'ambassadeur de France en Jordanie.

Né en 1936, licencié en droit, diplômé de l'Institut d'études politiques et ancien élève de l'Ecole nationale d'administration (ENA), M. Bauchard a successivement occupé les fonctions d'attaché financier pour le Proche-Orient et le Moyen-Orient à Beyrouth, de 1966 à 1968. Conseiller technique au cabinet du ministre de l'Economie et des Finances de 1974 à 1976, puis sous-directeur à la direction du Trésor, il quitte Paris pour New York en 1978 où il est nommé conseiller financier auprès de la mission française aux Nations-Unies.

A partir de 1982, il s'est occupé d'affaires économiques et financières au ministère des Affaires étrangères, puis de coopération économique, avant de devenir le chef du service des relations commerciales, financières et industrielles en mai 1985.

Football Tournoi du CCA à Amman

Le premier tournoi de football des quatre pays membres du Conseil de coopération arabe (CCA) entre aujourd'hui dans sa cinquième et avant dernière journée. Ce soir, à 20h00, sur le stade de sport city, à Amman, l'équipe yéménite Ahli Sana'a rencontre les joueurs irakiens de Zamora. Le Yémen fait figure d'outsider et n'a guère de chance de remonter sur le tableau.

A raison d'un match par jour, de 3 points par victoire et d'un seul en cas d'égalité, l'équipe jordanienne (Faisali) est en tête du classement, avec 4 points, devant l'Egypte et l'Irak, ex aequo à 3 points. Le Yémen n'a qu'un point. Tout va donc se décider aujourd'hui et demain sans que l'on puisse faire de réels pronostics. Faisali est en état de grâce, mais Ahli-Egypte et Zamora ont un jeu plus précis, des attaques plus fréquentes et mieux construites. Si l'équipe jordanienne n'accélère pas son jeu et ne contrôle pas mieux les réceptions de ballons, l'Egypte pourrait lui infliger une défaite sévère vendredi (20h00), grâce à la vivacité et à l'originalité de ses offensives.

Le spectacle des deux prochains matches est prometteur, si l'on en croit l'ardeur des précédentes rencontres, qui est parfois allée jusqu'à l'affrontement... sans ballon. Dimanche dernier, le match Jordanie-Yémen s'est notamment terminé en queue de poisson avant le coup de sifflet final et après une échauffourée entre des joueurs nerveux.

Mots croisés

par Florence Moutet

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هذه احدى صور الجفاف في الأردن

Mending broken bridges

By John West
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Trampled Flower is something new in Jordan. It is a film which aims to deal with weighty sociological issues — traditional attitudes towards mental illness, the binding norms of village life, and how they might be changed — in a way that the protagonists of these real life dramas can readily understand. Hail Ajlouni's 90 minute two part film, shot for local television, is thus highly ambitious — it takes on more than the hundreds of conferences and committees set up to debate these and other problems — direct communication. Whether he will succeed remains to be seen.

The date is 1950. The scene is a remote Jordanian village, connected to the outside world by infrequent buses. During a wedding feast, the groom is killed by a stray bullet fired in celebration — the old custom which killed dozens a year until the government banned it last August. The bride, Rabi'a, becomes deranged from grief and trauma, and takes to washing his blood-stained clothes every day in the stream. The village boys, egged on by a malicious old woman, make her life misery while the other villagers look on indifferently.

Enter a dashing young schoolteacher Adnan from the city. His obvious distaste at this persecution doesn't make him popular with the villagers, especially as he does not eat with them. They in turn suspect his motives which makes it impossible for him to approach her directly. He mopes, writing soulful poetry in his room late at night while gradually gaining influence over the boys he teaches by day.

One day by the river he confronts the children with their ignorance, comparing the unfortunate Rabi'a to a flower which he has one of the students pick and trample into the ground. They are ashamed. One night, Rabi'a, who has gradually begun to come to terms with her situation and the death of her fiancé, creeps into the empty schoolroom. Her family, particularly her fierce soldier brother Salaman, go looking for her all over the village. When he eventually finds her, he lifts his rifle to shoot her, but his aim is jolted by Adnan and the bullet lodges in the ceiling. This incident is the climax of her troubles, a catharsis which somehow seems to relax the villagers and prepare them to accept her.

The old hag who incited the boys against Rabi'a now finds herself coldshouldered everywhere she goes in the village.

Bystanders, like the shopkeeper and some of the menfolk, have switched their passive support to Rabi'a. The end of the year approaches, the boys take their exams and the teacher prepares to leave. Only one surprise remains. If the plot and the broad interactions of the characters

particular time and place. Aeschylus or Corneille would have been highly offended if anyone had suggested their plays were 'only' true to life, while critical theories propounded by Aristotle had it that the artist's purpose was to capture the essence rather than the substance of what they

bullet, presumably from the fatal wedding celebrations, and the teacher Adil holds it up poignantly against the background of Rabi'a washing her lost beloved's rags. Next is a shot of the teacher in his room, locked in a thinker's pose with his fingers dug into his forehead, staring at the bullet. Then Rabi'a is pictured late at night with her fierce brother standing over her shouting. When he storms out, the door slams shut like a rifle report.

Although elaborate, such imagery is effective — written description is very laboured for what relies on its immediate visual and oral impact. Many themes, such as the perpetual struggle between darkness and light, are obvious. Others, such as a quarter-second shot of a bird scared into flight when Rabi'a is spotted looking into the classroom and ducks down, are almost subliminal.

The music, composed especially by wa'il Abu Nawar, is very catchy. Always present, it varies between a faint warble in the background to a throbbing pulse designed to arrest attention from other distractions in the average viewer's room.

CRITICISMS: Although the film was made on a minimal budget, more attention could have been paid to inconsistencies. In particular, many of the actors simply looked too soft to be credible village characters, and their clothes were suspiciously 1980's for a film set in the 1950's, complete with modern bus and training shoes on the schoolboys.

Also, towards the end there is a feeling that the plot bites off more than it can chew — the villagers, in order to change their attitudes towards Rabi'a, have to be transformed in much wider spheres. Wild young men who initially greeted Adnan with open hostility, readily come to watch a puppet show in the evening. The schoolboys practically run into their end of year exams.

But all in all, this film is a tremendous achievement. It is undoubtedly worth an airing on Jordanian television and throughout the Arab world. The thick fellahi accents, with the earthy poetry that come naturally to pure spoken dialects, are a delight in themselves. It is too early to tell whether Ajlouni will succeed in making the film popular among Jordanian audiences, and persuading those with the money and authority that they should invest in shoestring Jordanian productions like this one instead of buying abroad — but he certainly deserves to. "The Trampled Flower," ranks high above the Egyptian soap operas and historical rehashes currently being shown.

Film review



A scene from 'The Trampled Flower'

are realistic, the camerawork and directing are purposely not. As in most Arab cinema or television, gestures, postures and even sometimes dialogue are highly stylised. The old hag thoughtfully grasps her chin as she utters a soliloquy, the shopkeeper literally rolls his eyes in amazement as she tells him the latest gossip; while Adnan and Rabi'a frequently play hide and seek with their eyes.

Through Western eyes

For watchers of the Western cinema, including many Arabs, which has always been dominated by social realism, this approach seems naive and even constricting.

It feels unnatural that we never see a shot of the whole village during the entire film, and the constant music can sometimes be overbearing.

But it is worth remembering that in terms of the history of the arts worldwide, realism is almost a quirk, created in a

were writing about.

Even today, it is odd that what is now considered coarse and unsophisticated in the static fine arts of painting and sculpture should still be almost obligatory in the moving cinematic arts. Perhaps the predominance of television, with its weighting towards non-fiction, has created a "fictional" straitjacket from which cinema is too weak to escape. In any case, it is a deeply instilled prejudice which this Western viewer at least could not shrug off at first viewing. But Arab viewers uninfluenced by the Western tradition will find nothing intrinsically strange in it.

That said, once the initial shock is bridged Ajlouni's technical subtlety becomes apparent. As in tragedy or epic poetry (and the script was originally adapted from a long poem written in the 1950's), certain leitmotifs recur.

So there is a three minute sequence in which the boys down by the river find a spent

Muddle in the Mediterranean

By Don Hinrichsen

DESPITE concerted efforts on the part of the 17 countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea to clean it up, the Med remains in trouble.

One of the basic problems is the vast number of people vacationing around its rim. Currently the Med's resident population of over 230 million is bloated by 100 million sun-seeking tourists who flock to it like ants to honey.

Demographers flinch when they predict the Med's permanent population may swell to 300 million by the year 2000.

The results are only too obvious. Forests have been destroyed, croplands degraded and over-run with creeping concrete from expanding urban areas. In Spain, France, Italy and part of Greece, there are few undeveloped coastlines left.

Twenty years ago the south coast of Attica between Athens

and Cape Sounion was nothing but olive groves and croplands. Today it is one long interconnected coastal village, dominated by tourist complexes and summer villas.

Homer's wine dark sea has also shrunk over the years. It has become, in the words of French historian Paul-Marc Henry, "a small, crowded lake, and a polluted one at that." By the mid-1970s the Med had become the receptacle for millions of tons of

pollution. Its shores were scarred with unbridled development; its cities and towns bursting at the seams with people.

Recognising the urgent need for regional action to save the Med, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) launched its first of 10 regional seas programmes in the Mediterranean. In 1975 the Mediterranean states agreed to an action plan — *People features.*



Nomads forced to settle are turning towards crafts to earn a living. But without animals they don't have enough leather and are often forced to use synthetic materials.

Mali's nomads

Losing a way of life

By Colleen Thorpe

IN THE VILLAGE of Im Naghil, on the desert lands of Northwestern Mali, Mossa Ag Timika sits and waits for the rain. If the rain doesn't come his sorghum crop will be lost. He is impatient. In the past, if there was no water in one area, he would pack his belongings and move with his family to another area. Mossa Ag (Ag means son of) Timika longs for the days when he used to steer his herds of animals to greener pastures. But not, green pastures are scarce and he has lost more than 80 per cent of his livestock to drought. He doesn't have enough animals to support such a move or even to feed his family.

"Before, a family of about 20 would own about 100 goats, 10 sheep, 10 cows and 10 camels. Now, a family is considered lucky if it owns a few goats. Sedentation (settlement) has become an obligation." Without land to graze on, animals die and the nomads are forced to move to land which they can cultivate and raise food crops on.

As chief of Im Naghil, Mossa speaks for the thousand other Touaregs of the village. The increasing drought of the past 20 years has forced nomadic groups such as the Tuaregs, Bellas, Maures and Peuls who roam the Sudano-Sahelian region of West Africa to settle.

Settling in a village has meant choosing survival says Mossa, but life has not improved much since the crippling drought of 1985-86 when he first settled in Im Naghil. After three years, his village is still not self-sufficient and depends on foreign aid agencies for food.

Just over 400 kilometres southeast of Im Naghil, on more fertile lands in the village of Palole Walo, a group of sedentarised Bella nomads are in a similar predicament — for three years they too have been struggling to survive.

"Our harvest is too little.

Farming life is difficult compared with our nomadic way of life. Before, we could go for two days surviving on just a little milk from the animals. But we can't do one day of farming without eating. We are forced to sneak out at night and cut wood illegally in order to get enough money to buy food," explains Hebraim Dicko, a villager. He says Palole Walo needs help to survive.

The villagers of Palole Walo and Im Naghil aren't the only ones asking for help. In the Tombouctou region of northern Mali, over one-third of the population are nomads and in the Gao region over half the population is nomadic. Over 450,000 nomads live in Mali.

Nomadism is a simple system of resource management; nomads move depending on the availability of natural resources. Because they are constantly in motion, the environment has a chance to recover from their passage. Sedentation has brought about heavy demographic pressure on certain areas of the country, namely riverbanks or areas near water points. In these areas, the need for fuelwood and construction materials, the clearing of land for agriculture and the constant grazing of the nomads livestock has brought about massive destruction of the vegetative cover.

To determine what kind of help the nomads need, the Malian Office of Natural Resources and Livestock, with IDRC funding, completed a demographic study on the environmental and social consequences of sedentation in June 1988.

The researchers interviewed 180 chiefs and 162 women living in settlements and 15 chiefs and 13 women living in nomadic camps. Out of 18 known nomadic camps, the researchers were only able to find 7 because of the continuous movement of the nomads.

Fight against desertification

The researchers suggest the

government should regulate settlement sites, designating some areas as grazing lands for animals and reserving other areas for agriculture, and continuing the fight against desertification with reforestation programmes.

Youssef Mamian Diarra, the project leader, points out however that environmental problems have economic roots. Nomads are pastoralists; livestock raising is their single most important activity. In the nomadic social hierarchy, raising livestock was a sign of nobility, cultivating the land meant a lower social class. In the village of Palole Walo, the nomads have not succeeded in living off the land. Consequently, cutting and selling wood has become their livelihood. The study suggests the nomads be helped in reconstituting some of their livestock. But it also recommends that for sedentation to become viable the nomads must diversify their sphere of activities to include market gardening and farming cereal grains. To do this, they will not only need materials such as seeds and tools, but more importantly they will have to be taught farming techniques.

For the people of Palole Walo, this would work well as they are located in an oasis; water is plentiful and the flood plains are well-suited to vegetable growing.

This isn't the case in more arid areas such as Im Naghil where agriculture is difficult but nomads have settled nonetheless because it is their traditional roaming zone. The villagers there scantily supplement their income by selling arts and crafts. For this to become a viable livelihood, they will need more materials because the loss of animals has meant the loss of leather. They are now forced to use synthetic for their artwork.

Whether it be the artisan industry, cereal production, market gardening or sedentary livestock rearing, the study recommends that the nomads organise themselves into cooperatives to manage their activities. Diarra says

the government should complete the developmental framework by implementing social programmes including education and health care. But once the framework is set intervention should be minimal.

Development within the nomadic community will also be slow. Sedentation means more than just settling as the word suggests; to the nomads it means giving up their freedom. The researchers believe that without adequate inputs and training in settled agricultural practices, the nomads will only remain in settlements until they can return to the nomadic way of life. They say that for sedentation to work the nomads must get some satisfaction out of their new way of life.

"The nomad has no conception of limited space. He knows no frontiers and can't understand how someone can appropriate space," says Ambeiry Ag Rhissa, a former nomad who now works for the government.

"It's abandoning one lifestyle to take on another," says Ambeiry. That means changing such fundamental things as eating habits — nomads whose diet consists of milk and meat are not partial to the taste of millet, sorghum, fruits or vegetables. "I used to be a lot bigger and stronger," says Mossa. "Now I am weak and my skin is flaccid."

Sedentation is welcomed by some as the only option. "We understand that with sedentation we are able to overcome many obstacles. If the government succeeds in helping us, we will never leave this area," says Dicko.

For others sedentation means a loss of culture. Mossa says he will always be nostalgic for the old way of life. But he is afraid the old ways will die with his generation. "If sedentation continues and if the nomads take on new activities, our culture will disappear. Our children will not even know what a camel is if they only see fields of millet and sorghum. They will become different Tuaregs."

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Focus on People

Out of the shadows

By Marjane M. Shahin

This week Rita Dar, the wife of a former Indian ambassador to Jordan and niece of the late Jawaharlal Nehru talks to Focus on People.

IT MIGHT not have been an easy task being the daughter of the first woman to represent her country at the United Nations, niece of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and wife of an Indian diplomat. If you consider the psychological aspects of living with people who are revered and looked up to by millions of people, one could very well get an inferiority complex, but not Rita Dar.

"I was raised in a home where our food for thought was India's fight for freedom," that's how Dar puts it. "I spent most of my childhood in my uncle Jawaharlal's house because my parents were in prison. It was before India became independent and it was considered normal in our household that members of the family were imprisoned," daughter of Vijayalaxmi Pandit and wife of former Indian Ambassador to Jordan A.K. Dar.

Her father and mother were members of the Indian independence movement, which was led by the late Mahatma Gandhi. She could not get away from politics even after she married A.K. Dar in 1953, for he was in the Indian foreign service — the diplomatic community. "Over a period of 25 years, my husband and I travelled around the world. We lived for a period of 12 years in four Arab countries — Lebanon, Syria, Egypt and Jordan," said Rita Dar, now on a short private visit to Jordan.

"Although all the people around me were involved in politics, I have never involved myself in politics. My time has always been spent on other things. As the wife of an ambassador I always entertained and was busy in cultural activities. I found a lot of similarities between the people and the customs of the Arab World and northern India — food, dress and social aspects are often similar. In both the Arab culture and in Indian culture, women still have a long way to come to be equal to men."

Despite the edge that women in India have with their mighty vote in the ballot box, Dar does not feel that women are socially more advanced when compared to women in the Arab World. "We still have major social problems in India," she says. For example, "although legislation has been passed banning the dowry system and the so-called bride burning, it takes a long time before old customs are changed."

Dar notes that Indians, like the Arabs, are often torn between Western and traditional cultures. "However, Westernised an Indian or an Arab may become, they will always cling to their traditions in one way or another. We in the East have a passionate love for our traditions."

Despite the many advances India has made, it still has many problems, according to Dar. "After independence and the partition of India, health conditions were horrendous, living standards were very low and educational facilities were lacking. All in all, things were difficult, to say the least. Although tremendous improvements have been made since then, the ever-growing population does not allow improvements to catch up with them."

According to Dar, India has two primary problems. One is its large and ever growing population. She assesses that despite the many programmes for birth control, India's birth rate is not likely to change for some time. Since a low birth rate is usually related to economic prosperity and widespread education, India seems to be caught in a rather vicious circle.

The second problem that Dar pointed out was high defence budgets. "India and almost all countries in the world are spending outrageous amounts of their budgets on defence. Instead of spending this money on the development of the human race they spend it on destroying human race."

As a private person, Dar is doing all she can to look on the bright side of things. She has recently published a book entitled "Kashmir — the Pageant of the Seasons." Consequently, she was asked to write a similar book by the ministry of information in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) about the history and topography of the UAE.

"I like writing on subjects that have cultural and touristic value. May be someday I will have an opportunity to write about an aspect of Jordan that has not been written about," she said.

The Dars settled down in India in 1982 when A.K. Dar retired.

New labour law seeks better deal for tribes and nomads

GENEVA — Draft legislation intended to help protect tribes and nomadic peoples and their land against encroaching industry was tabled for approval by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) recently.

An ILO committee, completing two years of work, presented the 150-member organisation's annual conference with the text of a convention on indigenous and tribal peoples in independent countries.

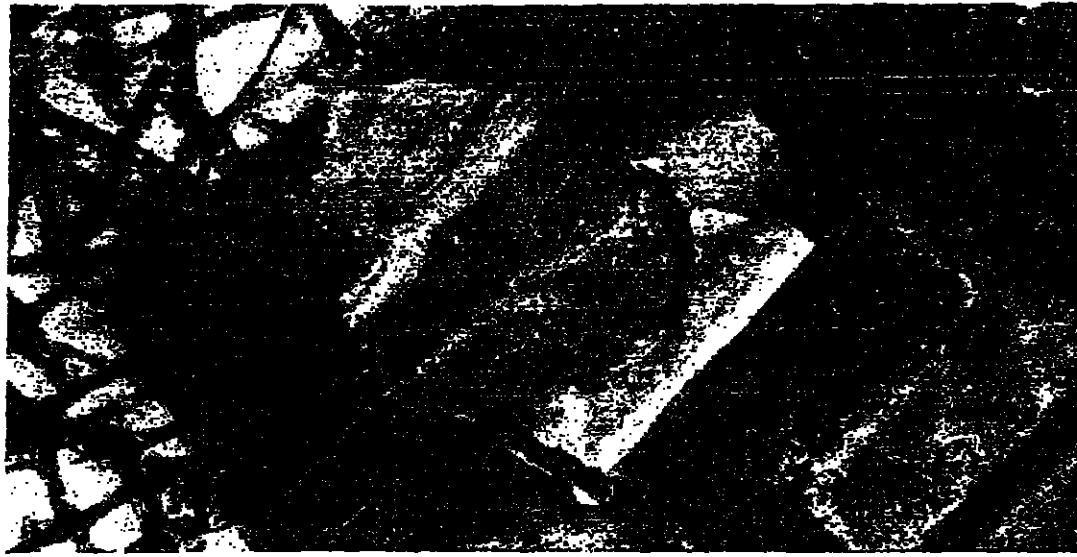
Delegates said the document laid down principles aimed at preventing marginal populations such as American Indians, Australian aborigines, Eskimos and Bedouins being swallowed up or ousted from their homes by advancing modern civilisation. The convention, expected to be formally approved by delegates

representing governments, employers' associations and trade unions, will have the force of international law and will impose binding obligations on countries which ratify it.

Danish government delegate Hans Jakob Helms said the draft did not meet all the wishes of indigenous peoples, and some of their representatives had walked out of committee sessions in protest.

But he said the document was "a significant expression of the international community's concern for peoples who have suffered discrimination, injustice, dispossession and shameful treatment."

The new document revises and replaces a 1957 ILO convention which was criticised for implying that indigenous and tribal people were culturally inferior.



With textures resembling metal armour torn by explosion, Lilian Karnouk creates designs which conjure up a tormented universe.



The disturbing beauty of Lilian Karnouk's works appeals to one's innermost feelings.

In love with the desert

By Katia Sabet

CAIRO — Looking frail in her jeans suit, Lilian Karnouk sips her tea, leaning against the balcony that overlooks one of Cairo's busiest streets. The vast room beyond with its white walls is the perfect backdrop for her powerful creations where painting becomes sculpting, or vice versa.

Greys and browns, a few touches of bright colours, and the violence is almost palpable in some compositions. The common denominator, however, is nature and basic elements — minerals or fauna — presented in the rough in a way that emphasizes their beauty and hidden power. Curiously, Karnouk's strange works seem in a way familiar, as if they appealed to one's innermost feelings.

"The main source of my inspiration is the desert," Karnouk says. "It's our Eastern desert, the Sinai: an arid landscape still bearing the imprint of war. You know, before it became the latest tourism fad, the Sinai had always been a place where historical dramas were played — migrations, prophecies, miracles, and of course battles. It's a place where the past hangs heavy. The scars of battle are everywhere, but civilisation seems to have left only faint traces. All in all, the Sinai remains a privileged area in terms of symbolism, it's been the same from times of mythology until now."

Her current exhibit at Cairo's Moucharabieh gallery on Champollion Street focuses on desert landscapes and the ruins left by ancient civilisations.

"When I saw the Sinai for the first time, the rust on the blown-up tanks looked like blood on the sand," Karnouk recalls. "My Sinai is interpreted with a historic dimension whenever possible."

We are far from the innocuous painting of sandy beaches and blond dunes. Here the artist intrudes with a bloody flag, or textures resembling metal armour torn by explosion or shredded by high-velocity bullets. Through it all, though, elements of nature surface — geological formations and flora the design of which conjures up a tormented universe.

"I also put another aspect of the Sinai in my work," Karnouk explains. "I show the water, deep inside the rocks with its fantastic reflections and its fauna. I try to show nature before it was domesticated by man, or even robbed of its first bloom by the artist. I want to seize it in its purest form, before it becomes an 'impression' captured in people's minds."

The eye is drawn to photos Karnouk displays which show unusual compositions of shells, stones and sea stars arranged on a beach. Noticing the visitor's surprise, Karnouk smiles. "My work is an extension of the pleasures of childhood," she says. "All children enjoy playing with shells and wet sand on the beach. Manipulating the different elements I use for my works brings me the same happiness, the same feeling of mastery over ephemeral creations. But as you can see, when I have the opportunity to 'play' on a beach, I don't hold back! I have always been fascinated by sand, petrified wood, the oasis. The ancient city of Petra in Jordan, for example, astonishes me with the architectural beauty of its eroded monuments and the

infinite variations of red in the rocks."

In honour of the Nabataean

people who had a monopoly of the rich caravan trade passing from the interior of Arabia to the coast and who carved Petra out of the rocks, Karnouk did a whole series of works dedicated to this ancient kingdom that reached its peak around 100 B.C. Here red is the dominant colour to evoke the facade of the palaces.

Karnouk says she needed to introduce a variety of materials into her compositions to do justice to her vision of reality. And she always looks for new elements in her search for colours, relief, texture and transparency. The base for many of her concoctions is paper, all sorts of paper, some recycled, some made from cotton. "I also use fibers," Karnouk explains, "for example cotton or linen which so looks like sand, or the bark of a palm tree because it gives a marvelous texture; and the dried fruit of loofa with its curlicues, pieces of wood, bamboo, papyrus, even onion peels which can be made to look like pebbles polished by the wind."

Her method consists of making a soup with all the ingredients, then filtering it through a strainer to extract the water and then compressing it. The result is a paste to which she gives shapes. No glue is ever used, she specifies. It's not necessary because the different elements become attached to each other. "I come up with an irregular and wavy surface, with folds," Karnouk adds, "by drying the paste between special supports or between two wrinkled plastic bags. Another technique is to dry the paste on coarse material which leaves an imprint."

The artist improvises with the elements she selects, each adding something special. Later she adds colours with paint: some blue here, some oxide or ochre. But the ingredients themselves offer an unending variety of nuances, green excluded. In some cases she makes the finishing touch by adding a layer of acrylic varnish.

It's not the kind of work that she could do at home. Fortunately the director of Cairo's Papyrus Institute has agreed to let her use the facilities and some of the equipment — filters, mixers, presses. "Without Dr. Ragab's help I could not have obtained these results; but he has always been interested in any work connected to paper and fibers," she notes.

Karnouk may be pioneering a new technique in Egypt, but she admits that the idea took hold in America where for about 10 years artists have experimented with the process. Now Europeans are following suit, and Karnouk recently was invited to teach an art class about her technique in Germany.

Inspired by Sabra and Chatila

Born about 40 years ago in Cairo, Karnouk left Egypt when she was 17, against her parents' will to study at the Academia de Belle Art (Arts Academy) in Rome. After four years of work there, she went to Canada where she discovered that everything she had learned until then was useless, she quips. "I started to study again, and I also did odd

jobs, for example building decors for theaters, which enabled me to win the Canadian National Prize twice. I took communications classes, introduction classes to the news media. I was an art critic and a journalist."

"Then one day I found myself in Canada's northern territories, teaching American-Indians. It was the Third World portion of the continent which is the most developed on this planet! That's when I realised that I would be better off in my own Third World, where there is so much work to be done. I wanted to contribute to the research on specific problems — those experienced by poor nations bypassed by the industrial revolution and

which stand in great danger of losing their traditions as they look from afar at the great trends of modern thought."

As soon as she went back to Egypt, Karnouk had a first exhibit that focused on myths — the interdependence of myths and politics, she explains. In 1982 a second exhibit having the desert as a theme was presented by Farouk el Baz, an international art expert. "It was mostly collages and acrylic paint on canvas," Karnouk says. "Oil just did not seem right to express what makes the desert."

Like Picasso driven by the tragic bombing of the Spanish town of Guernica in 1937 to create a masterpiece, Karnouk was in-

spired by the massacres in the Palestinian camps of Sabra and Chatila in Lebanon to produce a series of deeply disturbing works.

"I painted faces with wax like the funeral portraits at Fayoum," she says. "But the strips of cloth normally encircling the mummies were replaced by singed Palestinian scarves, and the faces were deformed by the heat of the fires, wax running like tears or blood. Each portrait bore the date of the person's death, with the whole series showing the deaths occurring within a few hours."

She showed the collection at the Goethe Institute in Cairo, which brought a protest from the Israeli embassy to the German organisation. The curt answer

from the organisation was that the institute was sponsoring the exhibit within the framework of its cultural activities, and it did not owe anybody any explanations.

Independent and non-conformist, Karnouk has accomplished much in the span of a few years. She combines depth of interpretation with an overwhelming urge to create. She has demonstrated her ability to work with traditional media, and with her current research in a non-traditional art form she leads the way in showing the immediate impact that artists conscious of their role in a time period and within a society can have. — World News Link.

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Kuwait's new budget projects higher spending, lower deficit

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait, unveiling a new budget Tuesday, said a sharp rise in projected oil income would allow it to boost spending and cut its deficit during the next 12 months.

A cabinet statement carried by the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) said the government would spend 3.34 billion dinars (\$11.3 billion) in the year starting July 1, 4.4 per cent more than this year's 3.19 billion (\$10.8 billion). "The budget is slightly expansionary if they spend what they say they will," said a bank economist. Some of the increase would be eaten up by inflation, he added.

Kuwait emerged in 1987 from a recession sparked by lower oil income, the Iran-Iraq war and the 1982 crash of the Souq Al Manakh stock exchange. Since then it has maintained a gradual expansion. The new budget projected that government oil revenue would jump 8.6 per cent to 1.94 billion dinars (\$6.6 billion). Non-oil revenues would also rise a hefty 8.7

per cent to 288.5 million (\$975 million). The budget deficit would decrease 3.1 per cent to 1.1 billion dinars (\$3.7 billion).

However, economists said the effective deficit would be higher, since Kuwait is required by law to put aside 10 per cent of its revenues into a reserve fund for future generations that cannot be tapped until the turn of the century. This had not been reflected in the new figures, they said.

The budget projected a 4.6 per cent increase in salaries to 927 million dinars (\$3.1 billion) and a

marginal \$3 million rise in project expenditure and property acquisitions to 760 million (\$2.6 billion). No figures were given for defence.

Economists said the deficit might require the government to raise its borrowing ceiling for the next year.

A law issued in September 1987 empowered the finance ministry to issue bills and bonds and make direct loans for up to a total 1.4 billion dinars to finance the deficit. The ceiling was increased to three billion last March.

Private sector plays key role in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — Malaysia's economy has fully recovered from a 1985 recession and will strengthen further because it has managed to reduce its dependence on commodities, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohammad said Wednesday.

"The economy has fully recovered from the vagaries of the recession," Mahathir told parliament in a review of the Malaysia's 1986-90 development plan.

He said gross domestic product (GDP), which measures total national output and services, posted real growth of 8.7 per cent in 1988 against earlier official estimates of 8.1 per cent.

He forecast GDP growth for

1989 at 7.3 per cent and 6.7 per cent for 1990. It would average 5.8 per cent for 1986-90 against a target of five per cent.

Malaysia's economy grew 5.2 per cent in 1987 and 1.2 in 1988 after shrinking one per cent in 1985 because of a fall in the prices of major commodities — rubber, palm oil and tin.

Mahathir said the South East Asian nation had diversified its economy into manufacturing to reduce its dependence on revenue from commodities.

The private sector played a key role in bringing about this structural change, Mahathir said, adding that foreign investors had shown keen interest after



Mahathir Mohammad

Malaysia allowed them to hold 100 per cent equity and promised other incentives.

He said state agencies will be privatised in 1989 and 1990 to stimulate growth of construction and manufacturing in the private sector.

Women, night work remain thorny issues

GENEVA (R) — Employers want to end a ban on night work for women in industry but trades unions believe such duties should be cut to the minimum for both sexes.

Their views were contained in a report presented to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Wednesday by a committee set up to revise a 40-year-old ILO convention on night work and produce new standards.

The 1948 convention prohibited night work for women in industry. But employer delegates in the committee said it should be scrapped because it was discriminatory and prevented women obtaining certain jobs and better wages.

Union delegates argued that night work was unnatural and harmful to health and should be reduced as much as possible for both men and women with improved compensation for its drawbacks.

A final plenary session of the three-week ILO assembly, which is also attended by government delegates, adopted the committee's report and agreed to continue discussion next year on the proposed revised convention.

ILO conventions on labour issues have the force of international law and impose binding obligations on countries that ratify them.

IMF, Cairo near accord

CAIRO (R) — Egypt might soon reach agreement with the IMF on economic reform, paving the way

for new credits and a rescheduling of up to \$10 billion of debt, an IMF official said in remarks published Wednesday.

"We are working on an agreement on the (reform) programme which I hope will be reached in the coming weeks," Abdul Shaouk Shaalan, head of the IMF Middle East division, told the weekly political review Al-Musawwar.

He said an accord could lead to Cairo receiving \$500 million in IMF (International Monetary Fund) standby credits repayable over five years at eight per cent annual interest.

Agreement would also enable Cairo to approach the Paris Club of creditor nations to reschedule from \$8 billion to \$10 billion in interest and principal payments due between July 1 last year and the end of 1990, Shaalan said.

Most of Egypt's foreign debt of an estimated \$50 billion is owed to Paris Club nations. Cairo has in the past indicated it hoped to reschedule \$5 billion

in payments owed between July 1 last year and the end of this year.

"The Egyptian government has taken several important steps on the road to reform," said Shaalan, who heads a team of IMF experts now in Cairo for talks.

He said the IMF wanted a reduced budget deficit, a flexible foreign exchange policy, a bigger role for private companies and higher interest rates to reflect soaring inflation.

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Faw oil interests Japanese

TOKYO (R) — Iraq may gain in its market share at the expense of other Middle East producers if its new crude oil proves as attractive as it initially appears, Japanese refiners said Wednesday.

At least four Japanese oil firms have agreed to buy spot cargoes of Iraq's Faw blend and would consider term contracts after assessing results of first refinery runs, they said.

Officials of Iraq's State Oil Marketing Organisation (SOMO), who were in Tokyo last week, told Japanese companies the export capacity of Faw blend was currently 150,000 to 200,000 barrels per day (b/d).

Laboratory tests carried out by Japanese oil companies showed Faw blend was slightly better quality than Saudi Arabia's Arabian heavy crude but with a marginally higher metal content, refiners said.

SOMO has sold the oil to Japanese firms at the same price as they pay for Arabian heavy, which is 90 cents a barrel below the average of Oman and Dubai spot prices.

"These are sort of test cargoes. The purpose is to assess the crude

on a full scale," said one refiner. "The price is good, therefore if it's good quality the volume will be increased," said another.

Japanese refiners said Faw blend substitute for Arabian heavy or medium, Iranian heavy or Kuwaiti crude.

Iraq's brisk sales of Faw blend to Japan this month had already put pressure on other Middle East producers, they said.

Kuwait Petroleum Corp (KPC) quickly capitulated to Japan's insistence on unchanged third-quarter prices after seeing the results of SOMO's visit to Tokyo last week, they said. Kuwait sells its crude oil to Japan at a 50 cents a barrel below the average of Oman and Dubai spot quotes.

The National Iranian Oil Corp. (NIOC) also agreed to keep its prices unchanged in the third quarter.

Iranian light prices have been fixed at average of spot Oman prices, and Iranian heavy prices at 15 cents below the average of spot Dubai prices.

It is not clear whether Iraq intends to include Faw production in its OPEC-assigned output

quota and reduce output of its other grades to keep within the ceiling. OPEC members have, in the past, sometimes declared new production as test production and not counted it in their OPEC quotas.

A Reuters survey in May estimated Iraq produced 2.72 million b/d in May, more than its 2.64 million b/d quota for the first half

of the year.

Iraq's output quota will be raised to 2.783 million b/d from July.

Idemitsu Kosan Co. Ltd, Showa Shell Sekiyu K.K. and Nippon Oil Co. Ltd. will lift cargoes of Faw blend in July totalling 1.6 million barrels. Cosmo Oil Co. Ltd. will lift a 500,000 barrel cargo in August.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

UAE liberalises investments

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has agreed citizens from Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait and Oman can do business in the emirates without being required to have a 50 per cent local partner. The UAE cabinet agreed the proposal when they accepted decisions taken by Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) leaders at their December summit in Bahrain. UAE officials have said. UAE acceptance also means GCC citizens from outside the UAE will be treated equally for tax purposes with UAE citizens, they said. GCC officials said this will help bring about economic integration, the aim of the political, defence and economic alliance set up in 1981.

Oman discovers big gas field

NICOSIA (R) — Oman has discovered a new gas field with recoverable reserves of 10 billion cubic metres, the largest find in 22 years. A statement by Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) received through the Oman News Agency said the new field, in central Oman, was the fifth largest in the sultanate. The last major gas find was in 1967. Oman, which is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), has natural gas reserves of about 272 billion cubic metres. Last week, Oman also said it was developing a new 8,000 barrels per day oil field in the north. Production is expected to reach 10,000 barrels per day in the future.

Islamic airlines agree to cooperate

NICOSIA (R) — The national airlines of Iran, Turkey and Pakistan have agreed to set up a joint catering service to provide halal meals — food which conforms to Islamic rules — for their own planes and other carriers. Tehran Radio, heard in Cyprus, said that at a three-day meeting in the Iranian capital representatives of Iran Air, Turkish Airlines and Pakistan International Airlines also agreed to cooperate in training, cargo and passenger transport and reservation systems.

Iran to boost Africa links

NICOSIA (R) — Iran will start regular cargo service to Mozambique, Kenya and Tanzania next month to boost trade with Africa, the Iranian news agency IRNA has said. It said the Iran Akram will sail from Bandar Abbas on the southern Iranian coast for Maputo, Mombasa and Dar Es Salaam with a cargo of shoes, detergents, carpets, cars, trucks and other goods on July 14. The ship will bring back goods such as tea, coffee, spices, paper, wood and cow hide, said IRNA, monitored in Nicosis.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Wednesday, June 28, 1989
Central Bank official rates

	Buy	Sell	French franc	84.8	85.6
U.S. dollar	565.9	571.9	Japanese yen (for 100)	394.7	398.6
Pound Sterling	880.0	888.8	Deutch guilders	255.1	257.7
Deutschemark	287.4	290.3	Swedish crown	85.1	86.0
Swiss franc	333.7	337.0	Italian lira (for 100)	39.9	40.3
			Belgian franc (for 10)	138.2	139.6

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One Sterling	1.5630/40	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.1940/50	Canadian dollar
	1.9655/62	Deutschemarks
	2.2152/62	Dutch guilders
	1.6917/27	Swiss francs
	41.13/16	Belgian francs
	6.6730/80	French francs
	1419/1420	Italian lire
	142.50/60	Japanese yen
	6.6525/75	Swedish crowns
	7.1500/50	Norwegian crowns
	7.6500/50	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	373.50/374.00	U.S. dollars

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

By Reuters

SYDNEY — The Australian share market closed higher as market leader BHP received strong support ahead of its year profit result due Friday. The All Ordinaries rose 10.6 to 1,519.0.

TOKYO — Shares plunged on reports, later denied, that Prime Minister Sosuke Uno would resign because of a sex scandal. The Nikkei dropped 223.61 to close at 33,245.60, above its afternoon lows.

HONG KONG — Stocks closed firmer after a day of thin, featureless trade and the Hang Seng index rose 12.40 to 2,245.05 on slightly higher turnover.

SINGAPORE — Renewed buying support from institutional investors pushed up the Straits Times industrial index 16.82 to close at 1,308.44.

BOMAY — Heavy buying by state-owned financial institution's for the second day running helped shares overcome lethargy and post big gains. Nocl shot up 42.5 rupees to 1,090 but Tata Steel fell 15 to 1,465.

FRANKFURT — Shares resumed their recent rally as domestic firms closed their first-half accounts and shrugged off mounting tension about the Bundesbank's regular council meeting tomorrow. The DAX index closed up 13.50 at 1,491.39.

ZURICH — Shares closed higher in moderate trading. The all-share Swiss index rose 11.3 to 1,103.2.

PARIS — Shares were narrowly mixed after a very quiet morning session. The 50-share price indicator was down 0.10 per cent at midday, the same level as the morning start.

LONDON — Equities stood close to their post-crash highs in late trade but volume was light as traders left early due to a 24-hour national rail strike. At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 was up 2.4 at 2,208.8.

NEW YORK — Negative bond market reaction to a larger than expected drop in May leading economic indicators weighed down stocks. The Dow fell nine, to close at 2,517.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

EAST GERMAN DOPING — East Germany Wednesday denied allegations that all its top athletes use drugs and said in Berlin the East German defector who made the charges had himself faced an internal inquiry for trying to do his jumpers. Former East German Olympic ski jumping champion Hans-Georg Aschenbach has alleged in a series of articles in the West German newspaper Bild that athletes are fed drugs from childhood and that all top stars are obliged to use them. DTSB Sports Federation president Klaus Eichler told East German journalist Volker Kluge his organization was strictly against doping, backed moves for a world drug ban and carried out rigorous national checks. Kluge, one of the most respected East German sportswriters, reported Eichler's remarks in a rebuttal of Aschenbach's allegations. Kluge's article appeared in three East German newspapers and the DTSB said it had no comment to add. He said Aschenbach, a sports doctor who defected to West Germany last year, had been respected in the East but had turned out to be an egotistical character consumed by ambition. (R)

NBA DRAFT SHUFFLES BIG NAMES — The names were familiar — Pervis Ellison, Danny Ferry, Sean Elliott, Glen Rice, J.R. Reid, Stacey King — but their new uniforms were a surprise until the NBA draft announced in New York Tuesday night. The 1989 big six were all taken after six selections in the first night draft in NBA history, but the order was what had the experts baffled. Ellison, who led Louisville to the NCAA title in 1986, was taken by Sacramento, whose general manager, Bill Russell, apparently tired of soft inside defense. Ellison is the no. 3 shot blocker in college history. Ellison, who found out he was taken by the Kings "when the commissioner announced it," said he knew Russell was interested in him, "but I was still surprised. Most of the players I was talking with didn't have any idea who was going to be no. 1." After Ellison, the top-rated half-dozen went in quick succession, with Duke's Ferry going to the Los Angeles Clippers, Arizona's Elliott to San Antonio, Michigan's Rice to Miami, North Carolina's Reid to Charlotte and Oklahoma's King to Chicago. (AP)

ATP PLAYS MINIMUM OF 11 EVENTS — The world's top players must commit themselves to taking part in at least 11 tournaments on the new tour next year or risk having to qualify for individual events, the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) said in London Tuesday. ATP chief executive Hamilton Jordan said all players would have to abide by the rules when the player-run tour starts in January — although he left the door open for mavericks like Jimmy Connors, 36, who has never joined the ATP. "Players will have to look at our rules and make a decision in September to sign our commitment form or not," Jordan told a news conference at Wimbledon. Asked what would happen if a player declined to sign, Jordan said, "Well, he could qualify (for each tournament). I think you'll find that the tournament board will be very firm that our rules be abided by." But exceptions could be made for veteran champions. "Connors is a unique situation," Jordan said. "We are still discussing the question of longevity and age but no decision has been made." (AP)

Kingdom set on record

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Having successfully defended his Olympic title, high hurdler Roger Kingdom says the time is now ripe for the eight-year-old world record to tumble. Kingdom, a 26-year-old American, returned to winning form Tuesday, leaving the two other Seoul medalists behind with a year's best time of 13.13 seconds in the first rematch since the 1988 games. "My objective is to get back in the shape I was in last year, and get the record," Kingdom said after mulling to victory in the Athletics International track meet's highlight. He said the top-name field would have made a world record possible had it not been for a slight headwind and rainy, cool weather. Kingdom would need to better his sea-level personal best, 12.98 in the Seoul Olympics medal race, by only six hundredths of a second to erase the world mark of 12.93 set by

Renaldo Nehemiah on Aug. 19, 1981.

Colin Jackson of Britain, the Seoul silver medalist, knocked down three hurdles and finished second Tuesday in 13.23, world champion Greg Foster was third in 13.29.

Toni Campbell, the bronze medalist at Seoul, was sixth in 13.45.

Foster, Jackson and Campbell delayed the race with false starts. But that apparently didn't faze Kingdom, who averaged losses this year to Foster and Jackson.

"This was a very special race," said Kingdom, the 1984 and 1988 Olympic champion. "We're even now, but I have the fastest time this year."

Even with no Olympics looming, the competitive climate could be right this season as Kingdom seeks to regain last year's drive that gave him a streak of 22 wins and the second-fastest high-hurdles time ever, an altitude-aided 12.97.

Sanchez, McEnroe score victories as Wimbledon games begin

WIMBLEDON (AP) — French Open Champion Arantxa Sanchez waited out a 3½ hour rain delay, then beat Jana Pospisilova in straight sets Wednesday for her first victory at Wimbledon.

The Spanish 17-year-old took less than an hour to advance to the second round, staying on the baseline through most of her 6-2, 7-5 victory on court 1.

In another match involving a seeded women's player, 12th-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States defeated Mary Lou Daniels 6-4, 7-5.

Sanchez used drop shots to befuddle Steffi Graf in the championship match in Paris 2½ weeks ago, and she used the same strategy against the Czechoslovak, hitting six drop-shot winners.

But Sanchez was less sure-footed on the Wimbledon grass than on the French clay courts, over hit many of her grand-

Cahill of Australia on centre court at Wimbledon Tuesday.

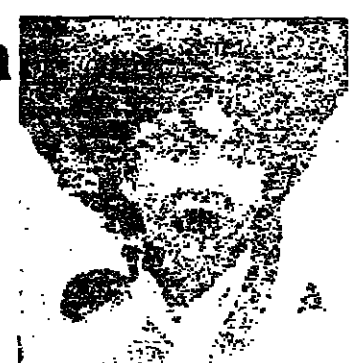
"It's great to come back and win the match," he said. "Let's face it, I could easily be out of the tournament."

Technically, the match may not have been of the highest quality; both players struggled with their first serves.

But it transcended tennis. It was pure theatre.

"I never really got my game in total gear," McEnroe said after the 3½-hour battle that started in sunshine and finished in evening gloom with a standing ovation for both players. "I don't think it's the greatest match he's ever played either. But for excitement..."

For excitement, it beat the rest of the day's matches put together. They included straight-set victories for defending women's champion Graf and her three main rivals, Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert and Gabriela Sabatini.



Sanchez — another victory

Graf, playing her first match since the French Open, gave up only eight points on serve as she swamped Julie Salmon of Britain 6-1, 6-2. Navratilova opened her bid for a record ninth women's singles title with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Jill Hetherington of Canada. Evert, recovered from an ear infection, downed Peanut Harper 6-1, 6-1. Sabatini conceded fewer games than any of the main contenders, trouncing Diane Balesstrat 6-1, 6-0.

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1989

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

by Thomas Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Caution, stubbornness, and the need for financial security are predominant today. Strong emphasis is placed on protecting the status quo — which is not a good climate for new beginnings. **ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have a lot to contribute, but feel a lack of response from associates. Expect some relief in the form of a new opportunity in the near future. **TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Fine tune your methods and you will reap the rewards. Financial pictures begin to accelerate. Eliminate stubborn attitudes. **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) A perception problem is compounded by underlying attachments to your own ideas. Frustration exists when you feel uncreative. Be patient. **MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to Jul. 21) Let this day pass with a smile in spite of frustration and boredom. Friday, you have your own way. Get some added rest. **LEO** (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Venus moves into your sign accenting your need for comfort, style, creative inspiration, and romance. Enjoy the evening pastimes. **VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) This is a beautiful day, and you feel

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1989

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Stellar influences bring us a cheerful state of mind, sexual excitement, and an increased interest in cultural affairs. Sensitivity and affections are strong today. **ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Love can be anything you want it to be. Get away with your partner and have some freelance fun. Keep your safety in mind. **TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Tension occurs trying to decide on a quiet night at home, or a night out on the town. Either way is okay, but finances may decide the issue. **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) The moon in your sign accents outspoken communications. Others fail to understand you. The day is great for spontaneous pleasures. **MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to Jul. 21) Domestic adjustments are needed to promote family harmony. You may need personal time and space to develop spiritual insight. **LEO** (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) It will be easy to mistake passion for love if you let emotions rule your thinking. Your upbeat mood can carry you into the early morning. Lay future travel plans. Friends bring you happy and enjoyable pleasures. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Sensual feelings are close to the surface today. Moving out into the limelight will give you pleasure and a new friend. **PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Work routines are upsetting when your mind is focused on relationships. You are in the mood for intimacy and some private fun.

FRIDAY'S RACES AT THE ROYAL RACING CLUB-TUNEIB

FIRST RACE 4.00 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1000 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Khalid Mohammad Tariory	S. Eljazzir	Owner	Hussein	56
2- Ahmad A. El Azzaz El Maray	Mabrouk	Owner	Isaiah	56
3- Nalef Elad A. Jnaib	Indaa	Owner	Isaiah	54.5
4- Ghaleb A. Jabir	E. Waley	Owner	Kasim	53
5- Mohammad Seiman Nabouy	Sabah	Owner	Yousif	51.5
6- Fayadh El Assal	Nijm	Owner	Sulman	51.5
7- Shihadi Ali Fokara	F. Rody	Owner	Yousif	51.5
8- Rabie Adnan A. Hassan	Doria Rabe	Owner	A. Amarah	51.5
9- Samir Khalil Haddadin	M. Tarik	Owner	Rashad	50

SECOND RACE 4.30 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Khalid Ayyed	Borkan	Owner	Isaiah	56
2- Nimr El Hmoud	Jandir	Owner	Isaiah	53
3- Nimr El Hmoud	B. Shams	Owner	Isaiah	51.5
4- Ghazy Farah A. Jabir	M. Sait	Owner	Ahmad	56
5- A. El Karsen Salim Rakad	M. Elrakad	Owner	Isaiah	56
6- Ahmad Sherkawy	Elasa	Owner	Isaiah	51.5
7- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable	F. Amman	Owner	Isaiah	50
8- Nalef Anwar El Shalan	Saty	Owner	Isaiah	50
9- Mansour Anwar El Shalan	Mahyoub	Owner	Isaiah	50
10- Nawal Anwar El Shalan	Saad	Owner	Isaiah	50
11- Khalil Haddadin	Saad	Owner	Isaiah	50
12- Mishaal Miteb El Faiez	Waied	Owner	Isaiah	43.5
13- Abdullah El Dawoud	Ghobar	Owner	A. Jaghif	50

THIRD RACE 5.00 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1000 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Army A. El Razak Elamoot	N. El Salt	Owner	Mostafa	60
2- Saad Eddin Fida Saad	Isaiah	Owner	Rashad	56
3- Mohammad Khalid El Faiez	Elkhalil	Owner	Basil	55
4- Faisal Sakr Lawarish	Z. Elallah	Owner	Saad	54.5
5- Salamin Marfy Brayan	M. Assaf	Owner	Selamih	51.5
6- Dr. A. El Nassef A. Wandy	D. Maesen	Owner	Isaiah	53
7- Barakat Alyat	Sahir	Owner	Isaiah	53
8- Hany Hussein Lozy	Marwah	Owner	Isaiah	51.5

FOURTH RACE 5.30 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1600 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Nimr El Hmoud	Midan	Owner	Isaiah	58
2- Nimr El Hmoud	Alghol	Owner	Isaiah	56
3- Nimr El Hmoud	Sahil	Owner	Isaiah	54.5
4- Samy Yacoub Madros	A.E. Fawaris	Owner	Isaiah	56
5- Ibrahim Hraish	Wely	Owner	Isaiah	56
6- Samy Haddadin	Waheed	Owner	Isaiah	56
7- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable	S. Elkhail	Owner	Isaiah	53
8- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable	Serim	Owner	Isaiah	53

FIFTH RACE 6.00 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1000 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Aly Fares El Saad	J. Eisead	Owner	Hussein	58
2- Aly Fares El Saad	Sead Al	Owner	Khalid	56
3- Nimr El Hmoud	Isaiah	Owner	Isaiah	56
4- Nimr El Hmoud	Sahy	Owner	Isaiah	54.5
5- Laila El Hmoud	Isaiah	Owner	Isaiah	51.5
6- Kamel Wasil Baharat	M. Dina	Owner	Rashad	55.5
7- Abdullah El Dawoud	Dinar	Owner	A. Jaghif	50

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K762 ♠Vold ♠KQ653 ♠954
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠QJ5 ♠J6 ♠A10 ♠AQ9872
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K75 ♠K32 ♠K5 ♠AQJ62
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K75 ♠K32 ♠K5 ♠AQJ62
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K1052 ♠Q63 ♠KJ94 ♠742
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K1052 ♠Q63 ♠KJ94 ♠742
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

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THE BETTER HALF.

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THE Daily Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Far from cautious
5 Jazzy's husband
9 Statute
13 Woody's boy
14 An Evans
15 Snake
16 Poultry dig
17 Biblical patriarch
18 Watered
19 Spielberg film
22 Dawn
23 Chong
24 Glee off
24 Pitcher
25 Derek and Jackson
26 Like many containers
28 Belg
32 Uncle Willie
35 Union org.
38 Hemingway novel
40 Type of dance
41 Jury
42 Emulate Durer
43 Cleanse the blackboard
45 Equine
46 Pint-sized one
48 Latin word
50 Sings
53 Wayne film
56 Money
57 Religious
58 Mountains
59 Well-made
60 Breakwater
61 Fruit doozy
62 A kick
63 Out of you
64 Mob or law
65 Store event

DOWN
1 Body servant
2 Fragrant
3 Shushing
4 place
6 Indian
8 Takes away in law
9 Vietnam city
7 High up
8 Surprising all others
9 Set free
10 Irrationalism
11 Songbird
12 Moreso
15 More like
16 Sun
20 Old car
21 Greeting
22 Motor coach
23 Energy source
24 Verbe
25 Major ending
26 Securit
27 Easy to fix
28 Strawberry
29 Tom or Diane
30 A Wallach
31 Alphabet run
32 Topped
33 Aeris
34 Comparative suffix
44 Bright
45 Tom or Diane
46 How was
48 In progress
49 Cecil S. Oe
50 Pancho
51 Move forward
52 Blue
53 Weather word
54 Electrical unit
55 Hooky kin
56 Lay dying

Peanuts



Andy Capp



Gloom pervades Hong Kong

HONG KONG (R) — Three weeks after troops and tanks rolled into Peking's Tiananmen Square to violently suppress student-led democracy protests, the financial world in neighbouring Hong Kong is still full of gloom about the future.

Bankers, foreign exchange dealers and stock market traders said morale had plummeted since the events of June 4 and there was little sign of recovery.

Financial sources told Reuters they were deeply worried about whether Hong Kong can remain a financial centre, with most experienced professionals expected to move away before Peking regains sovereignty over the British colony in 1997.

For many, restored confidence can come only with a British agreement to give right of abode to the 3.25 million people who qualify for a Hong Kong British passport. That right of abode was removed by a British nationality act in the late 1970s.

"Only the British government returning full and equal citizenships to us can rescue Hong Kong from the threat of losing its status as a financial centre in the Far East," said a Hong Kong Chinese manager with a leading U.S. bank.

Y.S. Wong, president of the Hong Kong Forex Club, agreed. "Many treasury managers have got fed-back that most of their staff are worried about Hong Kong's political stability and want to leave," he added.

"The emigrant flood is speeding up now, simply because people here lack confidence after seeing what is happening in Peking. Some prefer to leave under their own arrangements, and not according to their bank's plan," Wong said.

According to a survey carried



Remembrance... Hong Kong residents carry out a traditional Chinese funeral service opposite the Chinese Xinhua News agency for those killed by the military in Peking.

out by the Forex Club last year, one-third of the foreign exchange profession planned to leave Hong Kong within three years.

The so-called brain drain had already begun after negotiations between London and Peking over Hong Kong's future concluded in 1984.

Analysts say recent events have

dramatically increased the numbers wanting to leave.

Many international banking institutions have already given help to senior staff on emigration to the United States, Canada or Australia as part of their employment package.

A chairman of a local stock-broking firm said: "Some of my

staff have threatened to join other companies which can provide assistance on emigration. The main discussion topics in the office now are China and emigration."

"I have to think about expanding my business to Canada or Australia in order to help them. But it's difficult," he said.

Communists get Greek mandate

ATHENS (AP) — The Communist coalition that rejected Socialist and conservative offers to form a temporary government received its own mandate Wednesday to try to break Greece's political deadlock.

Greece has been run by a caretaker government since the June 18 national elections failed to give any party an absolute majority in the 300-seat unicameral parliament.

Leader of the coalition of left and progress, Harilaos Trikoupi, with an exploratory mandate in hand opened negotiations with the conservatives but it appeared that his efforts would be unsuccessful.

Trikoupi started talks with New Democracy Party leader Constantine Mitsotakis Tuesday night with another meeting scheduled for Wednesday.

The communists had rejected a joint rule proposal made Tuesday by a representative of Andreas Papandreu, the ailing caretaker premier and head of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok).

The Socialist's mandate expired Tuesday night. The Socialists who had ruled the country since 1981, came in a distant second to the conservatives in the general election.

The three-day exploratory mandate was given to Trikoupi

after President Christos Sartzetakis returned from Madrid from an European Community (EC) summit conference.

The coalition which finished third in the elections with 28 parliamentary seats was in a power broker's position since New Democracy Party was 145 seats and Pasok 129. The remainder of the seats was won by a small party and an independent.

If the coalition fails, Sartzetakis then calls in the party leaders and asks them to set aside their differences and form a national unity government. If that attempt is unsuccessful, a caretaker administration composed of prominent nonpartisan figures is appointed to prepare the country for new national elections.

Alexis Tsachatzopoulos, a member of Pasok's executive bureau and Papandreu's representative, after meeting with Trikoupi was unclear whether his party would play a major role in facing the banking scandal and bring some of its own members to trial.

"The only solution as we saw it was a progressive government

made up of Pasok and the coalition with a potential for long term cooperation."

Two former Pasok ministers of been charged with receiving payoffs from fugitive Greek banker George Koskotas who fled the country and is now under arrest in the United States. Koskotas who was charged with embezzling \$200 million from the Bank of Crete, is awaiting a hearing on his extradition to Greece.

The 70-year-old Papandreu is unable to conduct party affairs after he was hospitalized last Thursday for pneumonia with cardiac and kidney complications setting in two days later.

A medical bulletin said his heart condition was "under control" and that the function of his kidneys had improved following treatments with a dialysis machine.

Pasok officials said Papandreu, who was taken out of the intensive care ward Tuesday, could leave the hospital in about ten days.

The coalition, made up of the Moscow-line Greek Communist Party and Eurocommunist Greek left, wants U.S. military bases removed from Greece and withdrawal from the Western alliance.

Case tightens against Palme murder suspect

STOCKHOLM (AP) — The owner of a hot-dog stand testified in court Tuesday that he saw the accused killer of Prime Minister Olof Palme following the Swedish leader moments before Palme was fatally shot.

Also, a taxi driver who witnessed the shooting said he saw a lone gunman fleeing the scene. Other witnesses, including Palme's widow, have placed the defendant, Christer Pettersson, at the scene but have not mentioned a weapon.

The driver and other witnesses testified that only three people were in the immediate area of the shooting at the time — Palme, his wife and the assailant.

The testimony appeared to be some of the most damaging against Pettersson since the trial began June 5. Pettersson has denied the killing.

Kiosk owner Ljovica Nadik said he noticed someone walking three to five meters behind Palme and his wife Lisbeth down the nearly deserted street after they left a movie theatre Feb. 28, 1986.

"I'm certain this is the man who followed them," said Nadik, a Yugoslavian immigrant who occasionally was helped by a translator.

Asked how he could identify Pettersson with certainty, Nadik said: "The image is very vivid with me. I've been reminded so many times. Every time I watch television or look through a newspaper and there has been something about the Palme murder I have seen the image of the man who followed them."

Taxi driver Anders Delborn said he stopped at a traffic light on the corner when the shooting occurred. He turned his head after hearing one shot, and saw the gunman fire again from about five metres away.

"The man who is shot falls to the ground, and the woman is standing bent over and is almost kneeling," Delborn testified.

"The man who fired looks as if he is hesitating about what the next step should be. He is shifting from one foot to the other before he decided to run into the side street," Delborn said.

Cuban general in drug scandal ready to die

HAVANA (R) — A Cuban general at the centre of the biggest drug and corruption scandal since President Fidel Castro came to power 30 years ago has told a military court he deserved to die for treason.

"I have betrayed the fatherland. Treason must be paid for with one's life," General Arnaldo Ochoa Sanchez told the court Tuesday.

Cuban television showed edited extracts of court proceedings in a special programme lasting nearly four hours, during which Ochoa said: "There is no reason to live. I have no hope left."

Ochoa, a former commander of Cuban troops in Angola and Ethiopia, has been charged with helping smuggle six tonnes of cocaine between 1986 and 1989 to the United States through military air bases in Cuba. According to court papers, he had six accomplices.

The military court of honour, which opened its hearing Sunday, has recommended that Ochoa be tried by a special military court for treason. No date has been set for the trial.

The televised extracts included testimony from all 45 generals and the two admirals on the tribunal. Ochoa, once a highly respected army officer, denied his motives were political.

Diplomats said Ochoa's own admission and the charge of high treason left no doubt he would face a firing squad.

The court of honour heard that Ochoa's part in an international drug trafficking network controlled by Colombia's Medellin drug cartel had been demonstrated and that his alleged smuggling role undermined Cuba's international prestige and security.

Until the Ochoa case broke, the communist government had routinely denied reports that some top army officers were involved in drug trafficking.



Uno denies resignation reports

TOKYO (R) — Prime Minister Sosuke Uno vehemently denied Wednesday widespread press reports that he planned to resign over involvement in a new sex scandal, but political analysts said his days were numbered.

"What a silly thing," Uno told reporters. "I'm not that irresponsible."

Public broadcasting network NHK and major newspapers said that Uno offered to step down in a late-night meeting Tuesday after hearing that he would be named in a new sex scandal by a weekly picture magazine.

But the media reports said he was dissuaded from doing so by senior members of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) who argued his resignation would result in political chaos and a loss of international credibility.

Those fears sent Tokyo prices plunging Wednesday as investors worried that the scandal-ridden LDP's grip on power was quickly unravelling.

Rei Shiraori, a professor of politics at Tokai University, said he expects Uno to step down after parliamentary Upper House elections July 23, in which the LDP is expected to lose badly.

Those elections are expected to set the stage for the more important lower house elections which may be held later this year.

During his 34-year reign, the LDP has worked closely with Japanese business to forge the alliance commonly known as "Japan INC" that has conquered world markets from cars to electronics.

Tabbed by the ruling party as the "Mr. Clean" needed to clean up its image, Uno has been jolted by allegations of sexual misconduct since taking office at the start of the month.

About two weeks ago, a weekly news magazine reported that Uno had paid about three million yen (\$20,000) to keep a geisha for four months.

The woman later made her allegations on national television, and other magazines have published reports of other affairs involving Uno.

Analysts said those allegations served to alienate further voters already fed up with the LDP.

The new political codeword is "triple punch" — meaning the three big issues plaguing the LDP: The Recruit scandal, the unpopular LDP-sponsored sales tax enacted in April and the government's policy of opening up Japan's markets to agricultural imports.

Bush hails detente, hits flag-burning

WASHINGTON (R) — President George Bush has spoken glowingly of the state of U.S.-Soviet relations and said he remained determined to maintain ties to China despite Peking's violent suppression of political dissent.

At a White House news conference that lasted nearly 45 minutes, Bush also plunged into a raging domestic political controversy, calling for a constitutional amendment to outlaw the desecration of the American flag.

"Protection of the flag, a unique national symbol, will in no way limit the opportunity nor the breadth of protest available in the exercise of free-speech rights," he said in launching a drive to reverse last week's supreme court ruling that made flag-burning a legitimate form of political protest.

And while vowing to "clean up any cronyism," at the scandal-

ridden Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department, Bush refused to criticise anyone for HUD mismanagement, which investigators say could cost U.S. taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

"Let's not be trying to find winners and losers," he said. "Let's guarantee the American people that we are not going to have cronyism and special favours and giving contracts because of who you know."

Bush, who came into office last January saying he wanted to avoid euphoria in dealing with Moscow, was almost effusive in discussing how relations were progressing.

"I feel comfortable about the wave-length we're on with the Soviet Union now, and I think they feel comfortable in the sense that I think they know we want to move forward," in talks on limiting conventional and strategic forces,

he said. Bush said cooperative efforts between the superpowers such as U.S. assistance to Soviet earthquake victims and Soviet aid in the Alaskan oil spill cleanup set a tone that "will help when we sit down to hammer out the details on the strategic arms talks" and other contentious issues.

"I think the relationship is going in the right general direction, albeit we have tremendous differences with the Soviet Union, still," he said.

But he said the Chinese crackdown on pro-democracy forces showed the need for continued wariness toward Moscow.

"I did not know of any China expert, scholar or otherwise, who predicted that," said Bush, who was chief U.S. envoy to China in 1974 and 1975.

"I guess the lesson is go forward as best you can, keep your

eyes open, hold high the banner of values that we believe in," he said.

At the same time, Bush again said he did not want recent events in China to destroy U.S. relations with Peking.

To show U.S. displeasure with the crackdown, he has cut off military sales to China, begun efforts to block \$1.4 billion in international development loans and suspended all high-level U.S. contacts with Peking.

But Bush balked at harsher action, like breaking off diplomatic relations, as some of his critics have advocated.

"I can continue to express my outrage about what happened in Tiananmen Square — and I will — but I am determined to do my level best to keep from injuring the very people that we're trying to help, and I'm talking about the Chinese people generally," he said.

20,000 troops deployed in Soviet republics

MOSCOW (R) — More than 20,000 Soviet Interior Ministry troops are dealing with outbreaks of unrest across the country, most of them in Uzbekistan where about 100 people have died in riots this month, a senior official said Tuesday.

Major-General Yuri Alexeyev, deputy chief of the Interior Ministry troops, told a news briefing several thousands were deployed in the Transcaucasian republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan, which are locked in a bloody territorial dispute.

"In the Uzbek region of Fergana, about 12,000 Interior troops are preventing further outbreaks of disorder," Alexeyev said. "If you are talking about all areas of unrest, I would say that more

than 20,000 have been deployed."

He said there were in all about 300,000 Interior Ministry troops, the military arm of the police force. "It is much fewer than before, and it will be reduced still further."

The troops, who are equipped with helicopters, tanks and armoured personnel carriers, are trained in anti-riot techniques and have made several appearances on the streets of Soviet towns and cities in the past year.

They were sent to the Armenian capital Yerevan last September to enforce a ban on mass demonstrations following a fresh outbreak of unrest over the disputed Azerbaijani region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

In December the troops were sent back to Yerevan and to the Azerbaijani capital Baku after a new wave of killings in the two republics. More than 90 people have lost their lives in the dispute since February last year.

The troops have remained in Baku and Yerevan, as well as in Nagorno-Karabakh and other regions of the two republics. A curfew remains in force in both capitals.

Interior troops were also sent to crush a mass gathering in Tbilisi, capital of the third Transcaucasian republic, Georgia, on April 9. Twenty people were killed when troops used shovels and gas to disperse the demonstration.

Interior Ministry spokesman Boris Mikhailov said Tuesday the situation in Fergana was under control and no further incidents had been reported. Ninety-nine people were killed during 10 days of riots there at the start of the month.

The violence was mainly directed against Meskhetian Turks, a national minority deported to central Asia from Georgia by Josef Stalin during World War II.

Some 17,000 Meskhetians have been evacuated from the Fergana region since the violence started. Mikhailov said thousands more were being evacuated from other regions of Uzbekistan, including Tashkent, Samarkand and Syrdarya.

Soviet 'sleeper' — a rare breed in the world of espionage

LONDON (R) — If "Glenn Souther", the Soviet spy whose death was announced in Moscow Tuesday, was really a Russian named Mikhail Orlov, he may have been an example of a rare breed in the murky world of espionage.

For Souther/Orlov, who the Soviet newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda said had died aged only 32 after returning to the Soviet Union at least a year ago, may have been a "sleeper" sent to the United States at an early age to establish an American identity.

Sleepers, whose task is to lie low for years and gradually work themselves into positions where they can gather intelligence, have long been a favourite device of the Soviet KGB and many other coun-

tries' spy agencies. But normally they are nationals of the countries they work in — like the famous British KGB agent Kim Philby — or else come from a mixed emigre or cosmopolitan background.

It may turn out that Orlov — to use the name given him for the first time by Krasnaya Zvezda — was such a man. He was portrayed by Soviet media last year as a U.S. navy rating who had sought asylum in the Soviet Union.

But if he was Russian-born, then there are few parallels in recent times.

As British authors Christopher Dobson and Ronald Payne say in their dictionary of espionage: "A spy is always most effective when he is operating in his own country."

"The high old days of secret agents who were masters of disguise and capable of speaking the lingo impeccably through the burnt cork and false moustache are gone for ever."

One exception to the rule was Konon Molody, who from 1955-61 posed as a Canadian businessman in Britain named Gordon Lonsdale and gathered intelligence from a British naval officer compromised by his taste for drink and women.

Molody was born in Russia, the son of a prominent scientist, but at the age of seven was sent off to be educated with an aunt living in California. He returned to the Soviet Union in 1938, aged 16, reappearing as Lonsdale in Canada in 1954.

After his arrest in 1961 he was jailed for 25 years, but three years later he was swapped with the Russians for British agent Greville Wynne.

Molody gave a vivid idea of the life of the long-distance sleeper, writing to his Russian wife Galyusha: "I know very well what loneliness is ... I didn't want this life and I didn't seek it. It just turned out that way."

Another case was the Israeli spy Eli Cohen, an Egyptian-born Jew who spoke perfect Arabic and managed to settle in Damascus posing as a Syrian businessman named Kamil Taabas.

Cohen made friends with top Syrian government and military officials and gained vital in-

formation about Syrian defences, but was unmasked after his radio transmissions interfered with the communications of the Indian embassy near his apartment.

Cohen was publicly hanged in Damascus in 1965.

Soviet intelligence has made frequent use of emigrants and their descendants, like Rudolf Abel, who spent the first 18 years of his life in England.

After working for the Soviet Union in Europe during World War II, he set up a photographic studio in Brooklyn, New York, under the name of Emil Goldfish.

Exactly what information he passed to Moscow is still not clear, but he was arrested, sentenced to 30 years in 1960 and

then in 1962 exchanged for the shot-down U.S. pilot Gary Powers.

People from complex international backgrounds are also natural targets for spy recruiters.

Such a man was George Blake, born to an Egyptian Jewish father, who later gained British citizenship, and a Christian Dutch woman. He spent his childhood between Cairo and Amsterdam.

Blake arrived in Britain during World War II, later working in the foreign office and secret intelligence service, where he betrayed at least 40 British agents to the Russians before he was exposed in 1961 and sentenced to 42 years in jail. He escaped from prison after six years and fled to Moscow.

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Store owner — expert on catching burglars

STOCKHOLM (AP) — The owner of a gasoline service station and convenience store caught a burglar breaking into his business over the midsummer holiday, the 153th attempted break-in in 20 years. Owner William Hecker has foiled 128 burglaries at the station, according to the Dagens Nyheter newspaper. Break-ins are a rarity in a country that is regarded as having little street crime. The station, near Eslov in southern Sweden, is in a remote area 932 kilometres from the closest police station. Police officer Soini Haanpaa said Hecker had learned to depend on himself because there is little police can do to help. With the help of neighbours, a sophisticated alarm system and his dog, he "does a fantastic job" of deterring crime, Haanpaa said. "You would think that the word would get around that the station is not such a good place for robberies," Haanpaa said.

Reagan returns to old job

NEW YORK (AP) — Former U.S. President Ronald Reagan will return to his former job — describing baseball games. Reagan will do one inning of colour commentary during the NBC television network's broadcast of July 11's all-star game. NBC said Monday, Reagan will join two regular announcers in the booth at Anaheim stadium in California. Reagan broadcast Iowa football in 1932 for WOC radio in Davenport, Iowa. One year later, he shifted to WHO, an NBC affiliate in Des Moines and for five seasons did re-creations of Chicago Cubs games based on written descriptions provided over Western Union wires.

Cousteau floats whale over Paris

PARIS (AP) — French undersea explorer Jacques Cousteau has floated a whale over Paris to promote his new museum of the sea, due to open July 11 in Paris' Les Halles district. The 30-metre dappled blue plastic mammal came up for air Sunday, bobbing in clear blue skies high above the traffic swirling around the Arc de Triomphe. Cousteau, 79, who was admitted to the Academie Francaise last Thursday, said the lifelike balloon-beast would join other creatures in the aquarium.

Man stumbles on dinosaur

OXON HILL, Maryland (AP) — A freelance paleontologist was explaining to a group of seven-year-olds what dinosaur bones looked like when he stumbled on the real thing. The June 10 birthday party outing led by Peter Kranz to a housing construction site resulted in the discovery of what may be the most complete fossilised skeleton of the dinosaur age found in the Washington D.C., area in a century, said Nicholas Hotton, a research curator of paleontology at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Natural History. Kranz said he was describing fossilised dinosaur bones to the children when he found a chunk of dark carbon. Other fragments were uncovered, then Kranz sent the young amateurs home and called the Smithsonian. "I was nervous about handling such a large specimen," Kranz said. Hotton exposed more of the find and confirmed its significance. The find included a portion of the head and skeleton of a 6-metre mosasaur, a large sea-going predatory lizard that thrived during the late Cretaceous period about 70 million years ago, said Hotton.

Global weather (major world cities)

	MIN.	°C	°F	MAX.	Weather
AMSTERDAM	12	54	14	64	Rain
ATHENS	20	68	33	91	Clear
BANGKOK	26	79	37	89	Clear
Buenos Aires	25	77	30	86	Rain
CHICAGO	08	46	15	59	Cloudy
COLOMBO	20	68	36	97	Clear
COPENHAGEN	18	64	27	80	Clear
FRANKFURT	12	54	27	81	Cloudy
GENEVA	13	55	27	81	Cloudy
HONG KONG	22	82	31	88	Clear
ISTANBUL	14	57	18	64	Clear
LONDON	12	54	18	64	Clear
LOS ANGELES	17	62	26	79	Cloudy
MADRID	16	61	33	91	Clear
MECCA	20	68	45	113	Clear
MONTREAL	19	66	28	84	Cloudy
MOSCOW	19	66	28	82	Clear
NEW DELHI	31	87	30	102	Cloudy
NEW YORK	21	70	33	92	Clear
PARIS	11	52	18	64	Clear
ROME	18	64	32	90	Clear
TOKYO	21	70	28	82	Rain
VIENNA	18	65	20	68	Rain

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